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Citizenship Curriculum Overview: Year 10

Overview	In Year 10, students begin formal GCSE study. Citizenship Studies is about how people take an active part in democratic politics and work together for a better society, locally, nationally and globally. Students will learn about power, democracy, the operation of government and the legal system, and the role of the UK in the wider world. They will explore and learn about different controversial and topical issues with political, social, ethical, economic and environmental dimensions in local to global contexts.

Term	Focus	Assessment
Autumn 1 Theme A (Living together in the UK)	• Students are introduced to the idea that the UK is a diverse society of many different communities and groups who live together. • They explore the nature of identity and multiple identities as well as how and why communities are changing. • They consider the democratic rights, freedoms and values that we share, including human rights and the challenge of balancing competing rights. • Opportunities for developing citizenship skills include: to debate and explore identities, rights, values and democracy	Exam practice in lessons and for home learning **Mid and end of unit assessments.**

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Autumn 2 and Spring 1 Theme B (Democracy at work in the UK)	• Students explore the idea of representative, parliamentary democracy in the UK including the voting and electoral system, the roles and responsibilities of MPs and how government is organised and kept in check. • They will also consider the role of parliament in making and shaping law; the government's role in managing public money; and how power is organised across the constituent parts of the UK. • Opportunities for developing citizenship skills and taking action include: participation in decision making forums and 'mock' or real school elections, researching and debating the effectiveness of democracy in the UK, the extension of voting rights to 16 and 17 year olds or further devolution of power versus independence for Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales.	Exam practice in lessons and for home learning **Mid and end of unit assessments.**
Spring 2 Theme C (Law and Justice)	• Students explore why we need laws and how law affects us in our everyday lives. • They consider how the justice system in England and Wales works in practice including the roles and power of the police and the courts. • They also learn about the distinctive features of the criminal, civil and youth justice systems and some of the different approaches to settling disputes, addressing inequality, changing behaviour and tackling crime in society. • Opportunities for developing citizenship skills and taking action include: investigating different legal cases, participation in 'mock' trials and sentencing decision-making activities, debating whether it is ever right to break the law or whether the justice system treats everyone fairly.	Exam practice in lessons and for home learning **Mid and end of unit assessments.**

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Summer 1 & Summer 2 (Citizenship in Action)	• Citizenship action may be defined as a planned course of informed action to address a citizenship issue or question of concern and aimed at delivering a benefit or change for a particular community or wider society. • Stages of the citizenship action: 1. Identify an issue, form a team and carry out initial research 2. Undertake primary research 3. Represent their own and different points of view 4. Plan the action 5. Apply skills of collaboration, negotiation and influence as they deliver the activity 6. Critically evaluate their learning and the impact of the action	Exam practice in lessons and for home learning End of Year exam on all content.

Home Learning

GCSE-focused tasks, including:

- Retrieval and revision of key knowledge (content, key terms)
- Practice exam questions
- Revision skills

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Useful Resources

BBC Bitesize
School platforms (e.g. Google Classroom)
Knowledge Organisers and checklists
BBC News
Local News