

# CITIZENSHIP

To understand how we live within society and how we can deliver a benefit or change for a particular community or wider society. You will develop a good understanding of: democracy and government; citizenship participation in democracy and society; rights, the law and the legal system in England and Wales; and the UK and its relations with the wider world.

Exam Board	Paper Specification	Subject Type
Pearson Edexcel	1CS0	Option
Qualification Awarded		
GCSE Citizenship		

## ASSESSMENT

Paper 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50% of the GCSE</li> <li>• 1hr 45mins</li> <li>• Content: Living Together in the UK, Democracy at Work in the UK, Law and Justice</li> </ul>	<p>GCSE Citizenship is a linear GCSE: you will be examined in two papers, taken at the end of Year 11. One of these papers will specifically ask you about the Citizenship Action Project, which you will complete in Year 11.</p>
Paper 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50% of GCSE</li> <li>• 1hr 45mins</li> <li>• Content: Power and Influence, Taking Citizenship in Action</li> </ul>	

## EXPECTATIONS

GCSE Citizenship is directly relevant to your lives: it will broaden your understanding of how our society works, bringing together aspects of sociology, politics, geography, RE and law. Throughout the course you will learn by exploring key questions such as: How have communities developed in the UK? What are democratic values and where do they come from? Who runs the country and how does Parliament work? What is the law for and how does it affect us? How does our justice system work? What role and influence should the media have? Does the UK have power and influence in the wider world?

Being aware of the world around you is essential to success in Citizenship. Listen to the news, take an interest in school, local, national and/or global issues and politics and be ready to form a point of view (hopefully backed up by some relevant evidence). You will need to transfer the writing skills you have learnt in years 7-9 to form secure, persuasive answers. Be ready to have an opinion!