

# AQA

## GCSE Citizenship



### Why should I study GCSE Citizenship?



GCSE Citizenship Studies will provide students with the skills and understanding needed to make a difference in society. The course is perfect for students who have a real interest in the issues within society and a desire to improve life in their local community, across the country or around the world. As part of the course the students undertake an investigation to put their learning into practice. Knowledge of democracy, law and politics will be developed in order to create well balanced and sustained arguments. A large part of assessment focuses on extended written work.

### What will I study?



GCSE Citizenship studies five key areas:

1. Citizenship skills, processes and methods
2. Life in modern Britain
3. Rights and responsibilities
4. Politics and participation
5. Active Citizenship

### How will I be assessed?



GCSE Citizenship is assessed in two exams at the end of the course.

- Paper 1: lasting 1 hour and 45 minutes. Worth 50% of final grade.
  - Section A: Active citizenship questions: questions on the citizenship action of others and questions on the students taking citizenship action investigation (40 marks)
  - Section B: Politics and participation question (40 marks)Question types: multiple-choice, short answer, source-based questions, extended answer examination
- Paper 2: examination lasting 1 hour and 45 minutes. Worth 50% of final grade.
  - Section A: Life in modern Britain questions (40 marks)
  - Section B: Rights and responsibilities questions (40 marks)Question types: multiple-choice, short answer, source-based questions, extended answer

### Which skills will I develop and use?



This course will help you to develop the following skills

- gain the ability to form your own hypotheses, create sustained and reasoned arguments and reach substantiated conclusions about citizenship issues.
- understand the range of methods and approaches that can be used by governments, organisations, groups and individuals to address citizenship issues in society, including practical citizenship actions.
- plan practical citizenship actions aimed at delivering a benefit or change for others in society.
- critically evaluate the effectiveness of citizenship actions to assess progress towards the intended aims and impact for the individuals, groups and communities affected.

### How will I be able to use this subject in my future career?



The Knowledge and skills acquired through the study of Citizenship at GCSE are useful to students wishing to study a variety of subject's post 16, in particular English, law, politics, history, geography, sociology, psychology and business studies. Students aspiring to work in any industry, and all students wanting to be true citizens of the world will need to understand their rights and responsibilities, the political system and generally about life in modern Britain.