



PEMBROKE
A PRIORY ACADEMY

AQA GCSE Citizenship



Why should I study GCSE Citizenship?



GCSE Citizenship Studies specification will motivate and educate your students to become thoughtful and active citizens who engage intelligently and enthusiastically with public life.

Students will gain knowledge of democracy, government and law, and develop the ability to create sustained, well balanced arguments. Communication skills are increasingly sought after by employers: our specification will enhance students' writing and speaking styles.

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 their 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.