

**GCSE  
Citizenship  
Studies**

**You can choose either  
RS  
or  
Citizenship Studies**

# Why choose Citizenship Studies?

- It is very good preparation for studying Law, Applied Law, Sociology, Politics, Economics and Criminology and or at 'A' level and university
- It is very good preparation for WJEC Criminology Certificate or Diploma or Public Services BTEC
- It is helpful if you are thinking of the police or armed forces as a career
- It is good if you like sharing your opinions

## Quotes from 11Ycz Citizenship Studies group

I love Citizenship because you get to learn about what is going on around you and what is happening in our country.

Everything you learn will be useful throughout life and you get to know what is going on in the world.

You learn about events that are happening right now as well as how to vote, the systems in our government - things that will help you when you are an adult.

You learn so much about the country and it will give you transferable skills that you can use in other subjects.

# Why choose Citizenship Studies?

- It is busy and varied; Citizenship Studies lessons involve a range of different teaching styles - for example carrying out surveys to find out people's opinions or using computers for research
- 15% of the marks come from practical individual or group tasks - for example, you will work in groups to research, plan and run an investigation and plan a pro-active display stall.

# Why do it?

GCSE Citizenship Studies shows 6<sup>th</sup> form colleges and potential employers that you can:

- Communicate your ideas well
- Use your initiative
- Plan and organise
- Work co-operatively in a team



# What will you study?

There are 4 topics:

1 Active Citizenship

2 Life in Modern Britain

3 Rights and Responsibilities

4 Politics and Participation

# Active Citizenship

This is the practical individual or group work tasks in which you research, collect a range of viewpoints and run campaigns



# Life in modern Britain

This includes:

- identity
- cultural diversity
- aid projects and NGOs (charities)
- the role of pressure groups
- migration and immigration
- the role of the media

# Rights and responsibilities

This includes:

- the role and powers of the police
- how criminal and civil law courts work
- different types of crime
- different types of sentences in the UK
- human rights
- international law

# Politics and participation

This includes:

- how members of parliament are elected
- voter turnout
- parliament and government
- major political parties
- role of the prime minister
- how citizens can bring about change eg campaign, pressure groups

# Exams

There will be 2 exams which will take place at the end of Year 11.



# Is it for you? It is, if you are ...

- Able to speak out and share your views
- Aware of current local and global issues
- Able to come up with lots of creative ideas
- Passionate about making change for the better
- Keen to work well with other students in groups

# Results at Davison

Last year:

38% of the students achieved grade 7 and above

93% of the students achieved grade 4 and above



**Want to know more?**

Please ask Mrs Lees