



Citizenship Studies

One year AS/Two year A Level

This course combines the subject areas of Law, Politics and Sociology. It may be of interest to both Upper and Lower Sixth students particularly those taking these subjects. This course enables students to explore the nature of citizenship and the role of citizens in modern British society.

Requirements:

The College minimum to start an advanced level course is one grade B and four grade Cs at GCSE. Students wishing to undertake this course require grade C or above in GCSE English Language. The student will also be expected to meet the Average Points Score for this subject.

This subject will focus on:

- rights and responsibilities of citizens in the UK;
- national identities – how our identity develops – discussion around what it means to be British;
- the nature of crime;
- who makes legal decisions: judges, magistrates and juries?
- trends in voting behaviour and reasons why many people do not vote;
- how an individual citizen can make a difference – working together to bring about positive changes in society;
- are we all equal citizens? Do some citizens have greater life chances and opportunities than others – impact of prejudice, discrimination and disadvantage; and
- how citizens are able to influence political decision making – who speaks on our behalf.

You can expect to:

- discuss issues relating to becoming an active and informed citizen;
- explore issues affecting citizens in Britain today;
- discuss and debate contemporary citizenship issues;
- take part in relevant educational trips throughout the course e.g. to the Houses of Parliament and local magistrates' court; and
- participate in a range of activities to demonstrate that you are an active citizen.

Method of assessment:

Assessment is by examination.

Other information:

One student said "Through studying AS Citizenship Studies, I have become more aware of my rights and responsibilities as a citizen. I have also gained an insight into how to take an active role in society and have developed a greater respect for the views of others."

Citizenship Studies had a 100% pass rate at AS Level in 2007 and 2008.