

Examination Board: EDEXCEL

Qualification: GCSE

Option path: Only available on the Orange pathway

Curriculum Overview:

Citizenship is at the heart of everyday debates about the kind of society we are striving to build and our role in the process. During this GCSE course, you will learn about your rights, roles and responsibilities as a young citizen in Britain and in the world. You will develop in your knowledge and understanding of how different communities and society works. Citizenship education will equip you with the skills you need to participate as a responsible and active citizen of our democracy and of wider society. Citizenship thus ensures your personal, intellectual, spiritual and social development as a young citizen in Britain.

This course is crucial as it develops your knowledge and understanding of the structures that govern your everyday life. It will make you aware of your moral rights and responsibilities in places such as school, the workplace and the local community. You will also become knowledgeable about politics, law and the media and will be given the opportunity to explore current issues of debate.

How will I be assessed?

Paper 1 (*Paper code: 1CS0/01)
Written examination: 1 hour and 45 minutes 50% of the qualification 80 marks
Written examination: Assessment overview Section A Questions are focused on specification Theme A: Living together in the UK. Section B Questions are focused on specification Theme B: Democracy at work in the UK. Section C Questions are focused on specification Theme C: Law and justice. Section D Extended-response questions related to two or more of specification Themes A–C.
Paper 2 (*Paper code: 1CS0/02)
Written examination: 1 hour and 45 minutes 50% of the qualification 80 marks
Assessment overview Section A Questions relate to the students' own citizenship action, as specified in specification Theme E: Taking citizenship action. Section B Questions require students to comment on others' actions and relate to specification Theme D: Power and influence. Section C Questions are focused on specification Theme D: Power and influence. One question will also link to content in one of Themes A–C.

Recommended revision booklets:

Pearson REVISE Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Citizenship Revision guide and Workbook.

Subject specific skills

Students must		% in GCSE
AO1	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of citizenship concepts, terms and issues.	30
AO2	Apply knowledge and understanding of citizenship concepts, terms and issues to contexts and actions	30
AO3	Analyse and evaluate a range of evidence relating to citizenship issues, debates and actions, including different viewpoints, to develop reasoned, coherent arguments and make substantiated judgements.	40
Total		100%

What will I need to do to succeed in this course?

In order to achieve the best possible grade in GCSE Citizenship, you will need to:

- Participate actively during discussion and debate.
- Keep up with current affairs and apply this knowledge and understanding to exams.
- Prepare fully for tests and exams.
- Maintain a responsible and proactive approach.

What career opportunities are there from this course?

A good GCSE grade in Citizenship provides the backbone and skills necessary for any career in life. It will allow you to choose A Levels and a degree that can lead to careers in law, journalism and teaching. A good qualification in Citizenship also speaks volumes about your character as a responsible, aware and active citizen in society.

Teachers of this subject

Mrs Laddher teacher of Citizenship and Religious Education and Director of Faith

How parents can help:

Parents can help by supporting pupils in broadening general knowledge about current affairs for example watching the news together and discussing some of the stories featured. Discussions can centre around the consequences of actions and the impact of this on communities and wider society. If possible reading a newspaper to learn vocabulary that describes what living in the UK is like. There is also an opportunity to discuss politics and the changes that politicians and the government enforce and the reasons for them.

Useful website:

Citizenship Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z3ckjxs>

UK Parliament: <https://www.parliament.uk/>

Birmingham City Council: <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/>

