

Citizenship

Curriculum Intent

Citizenship equips students with the knowledge, skills and confidence to become informed, active and responsible members of society. Through the study of democracy, government, law, rights and responsibilities, students develop a deeper understanding of the world around them and the role they can play within it.

Our Key Stage 3 Citizenship curriculum is carefully sequenced to build students' understanding from their immediate school community to their place within local, national and global society. In Year 7, students explore concepts of fairness, rights and responsibilities within school before examining the historical origins of Parliament and democracy in Britain. They develop an understanding of how laws are made and how citizens can make informed decisions as consumers.

In Year 8, students deepen their understanding of the United Kingdom's political development by studying the making of the UK, the expansion of democracy through the suffrage movement, the role of political parties and the work of local government. Students also examine the criminal justice system and the importance of public services in supporting citizens and communities.

In Year 9, students engage with more complex contemporary issues, including different voting systems, British values and civil liberties, Britain's place in the wider world, personal finance and the justice system. They are encouraged to consider current challenges facing their local community and to evaluate how active citizenship can bring about positive change.

Throughout the curriculum, students are encouraged to think critically, analyse evidence, debate respectfully and appreciate diverse viewpoints. They explore key British institutions and democratic traditions while developing an understanding of equality, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect. Personal finance, consumer awareness and political literacy are embedded to ensure students are prepared for the opportunities and challenges of modern life.

By the end of Key Stage 3, students will understand how democratic society functions, recognise their rights and responsibilities as citizens, and be equipped with the knowledge and confidence to participate positively in their communities and the wider world. Our aim is to develop informed, engaged and responsible citizens who are capable of shaping the future of their society.

Assessment, Marking and Feedback

Assessment will take the form of knowledge quizzes and big question written responses.

Homework

Homework will form part of the Community Action element of the Citizenship National Curriculum. This may entail research, questioning or project work.

Links to National Curriculum / Syllabus Specifications

Key Stage 3 National Curriculum:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-curriculum-in-england-citizenship-programmes-of-study/national-curriculum-in-england-citizenship-programmes-of-study-for-key-stages-3-and-4>

Exam Support & Revision Resources

BBC Bitesize:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z7f3cdm>

Extracurricular and Enrichment Opportunities

Cornwallis Academy engages in UK Parliament week every year. Students can get involved by speaking to Citizenship Teachers and engaging in Assemblies.

Interested to know more?

To read:

- **What Is Politics? Why Should We Care?** by Michael Rosen & Annemarie Young
- **Alastair Campbell Talks Politics** (2024)

To watch:

- Prime Ministers Questions – every Wednesday online
- BBC Newsround

To listen:

- The Week Junior Show Podcast
- **Noisy Politics** (Politics for Schools podcast)

To visit:

- The Houses of Parliament