



Mount St Mary's Catholic High School

Educating The Individual For The Benefit Of All

Why Study GCSE Citizenship?

GCSE Citizenship will appeal to anyone who is keen to find out about how society works and what life is like in the UK. It will deepen your knowledge of the law, democracy and government, rights and responsibilities and how we live together in society.

The course helps you to think critically, evaluate evidence and debate ideas. You will gain the knowledge, understanding and skills to take responsible citizenship actions and play a positive role in public and democratic life as informed and active citizens.



Careers Options

If you study GCSE Citizenship you will have well developed communication and literacy skills, as well as good interpersonal abilities. Citizenship would be useful if you're interested in a career involving government (local and national), charities, law, the armed forces, the police, the Crown Prosecution Service, community groups, teaching or journalism. It can however help with any career.

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What you will study

Living together in the UK

- How have communities developed in the UK?
- What is identity?
- What are democratic values and where do they come from?
- How does local democracy work?

Democracy at work in the UK

- Who runs the country?
- How does Parliament work?
- How is power shared between Westminster and the devolved administrations?
- How does government manage public money?

Law and justice

- What is the law for and how does it affect us?
- How does the justice system work?
- Is crime increasing in society?

Power and influence

- What power and influence can citizens have?
- What role and influence should the media have?
- Does the UK have power and influence in the wider world?

Taking citizenship action

- Students will be required to plan and carry out their own action to highlight issues that impact on our community



How is the subject assessed?

We use the Edexcel Citizenship Studies Specification which includes the following assessments:

- **Paper 1** – 1 hour 45 minutes (50% of overall GCSE)
- **Paper 2** – 1 hour 45 minutes (50% of overall GCSE)

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