

OPTION - CITIZENSHIP	Content
Year 10 HT 1 Year 10 HT 2	Theme A: Living in the UK (The first of the GCSE topics) Throughout this topic students will explore the freedoms, rights and challenges a citizen can expect in UK society today. The historical and modern challenges of immigration are discussed. The issues facing our society today, the prejudice and discrimination and the challenges that individuals and government faces providing a fair and equal environment for all, through a range of rights such as; Human, legal, working and consumer.
Year 10 HT 3	Theme B: Democracy in the UK. This topic explores the mechanisms of our system of government in the UK. This includes voting systems, the role of an MP, the Prime Minister and the power they have and the role of the Monarchy. The lawmaking process and managing the country's money and the checks and balances that exist to hold the government accountable.
Year 10 HT 4	Continuation of Theme B: Democracy at work in the UK. We will explore the process by which laws are made. Students will explore and evaluate how we are governed through the roles of ministers in the cabinet and the mechanisms of parliament. Students will study what the budget is and how this relates to personal finance as well as government spending and taxation.
Year 10 HT 5	Theme C: How the Law works. Students will study the point of law and the functions of criminal and civil law in the UK. We will explore the people who work in the law and their role such as that of the judge and jury. There is a focus on young people in the legal system and the differences between their treatment and that of adults. Students will learn how sentencing works and will debate and discuss the sentences currently available in the UK. We will also study current trends in crime and punishment in the UK.
Year 10 HT 6	Students will be completing their first Citizenship 'Taking Action' project. This will involve working in groups to research an issue they feel strongly about. They will then be asked to communicate with someone/organisation in a position of power and influence relevant to their issue. Lastly they will need to plan and carry out their action and evaluate at the end. This counts for 20% of the questions in the Paper 2 exam as such the booklet completed is important for revision purposes.
Year 11 HT 1	Students will be completing their first Citizenship 'Taking Action' project. This will involve working in groups to research an issue they feel strongly about. They will then be asked to communicate with someone/organisation in a position of power and influence relevant to their issue. Lastly they will need to plan and carry out their action and evaluate at the end. This counts for 20% of the questions in the Paper 2 exam as such the booklet completed is important for revision purposes.
Year 11 HT 2	Theme D: Power and Influence: As the fourth GCSE topic we seek to link all those that have come before, the social, political and legal structures of the UK and apply this to our relationship with other countries and organisations. students will learn where 'power and influence' exists in UK society through the role of the individual citizen, the media, governmental structures. We apply this to our commitment and influence as members of NATO, UN, The Commonwealth, WTO and the ICC. There will also be the practical preparations of writing structures and revision techniques for mock exams at the end of term.
Year 11 HT 3	Theme D is completed and advised by the recent mock grades revision starts. Our revision programme starts this term with reference to four themes, starting with Theme A: Living in the UK. A combination of knowledge, structure and revision skills will be used throughout. Students should all have the purple revision guides advertised in Yr 10 see the link below: Edexcel Citizenship revision guide This is not necessary for class but is useful for home revision.
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