

# Citizenship at Norbury High

## Overview

The Citizenship Department at Norbury High aims to provide students with the skills and knowledge necessary to become active members of society. Students learn about politics, parliament and voting as well as human rights, justice and the law. Having an understanding of how our society is governed allows students to be engaged, informed and responsible citizens; this will encourage them as young adults to make positive contributions to their communities and the political system. We aim to instil in all students self-confidence and a sense of agency regardless of their background, interests or ability. We offer an enriched programme of study that not only develops their skills in independent thinking and persuasive writing but encourages them to express their opinions through discussion and group work.

## KS3 Citizenship

### Year 7 (taught as part of humanities)

The curriculum in year 7 incorporates a range of humanities subjects including geography, history, religious studies and citizenship. Please refer to the separate curriculum detail for humanities for more information.

### Year 9

In year 9, students start to engage with citizenship as an independent subject. Their learning centres on democracy and law in the UK as well as global politics and human rights. The order of the programme of study has been planned to reflect the units learnt at GCSE level. This helps to bridge the gap for those who choose to study citizenship at Key Stage 4.

#### **UNIT 1: Rights and the Law**

Students explore rights, freedoms and laws in the UK and abroad. They will examine different types of law and how the UK's justice system deals with crime.

#### **UNIT 2: Democracy and the UK**

This unit offers a comparison of the different political parties in the UK and the different systems of voting. Students will also study the role of parliament, investigating how the monarchy and government work together to uphold democratic standards.

#### **UNIT 3: The UK and the Wider World**

This unit gives students the opportunity to become active citizens by investigating a global issue. They will work together in groups to complete a project on a current

violation of human rights and present ways in which we, as both individual and collective citizens, can make a difference worldwide.

## **KS4 Citizenship Studies**

Students will study the OCR Citizenship Studies GCSE which incorporates three exams. These exams are a mix of multiple choice questions, short answer questions and essay writing. They will also have the opportunity to become active citizens by completing a project on a current world issue; in teams, they will work together to either raise awareness of the issue in school or make a change to help this crisis. The GCSE course provides students with extensive knowledge of law, democracy and politics on a local, national and global scale which builds on their knowledge from Key Stage 3.

## **Year 10 Citizenship Studies**

### **Section 1: Rights, the law and the legal system in England and Wales.**

Students will explore the following topics:

1. Rights and Responsibilities
2. The Law
3. The Legal System

### **Section 3: The UK and the Wider World.**

Students will explore the following topics:

1. Identities and diversity in UK society
2. The UK and its relations with the wider world

## **Year 11 Citizenship Studies**

### **Section 2: Democracy and Government.**

Students will explore the following topics:

1. Democracy, elections and voting in the UK
2. National, local, regional and devolved government
3. The British constitution
4. The economy, finance and money
5. The role of the media and free press
6. Citizenship participation in the UK and taking citizenship action
7. Politics beyond the UK