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CITIZENSHIP STUDIES (AQA)

About the Course

This course takes students through the whole spectrum of what it means to be a citizen today. Starting with what it means to be British and developing student's awareness of their own rights within society, the course then looks at how Britain is governed and what action students can take to bring about positive change, to stand up and be counted. Students will greatly appreciate their role in society and will be equipped for the next step post A levels.

Entry Qualifications

5 A-C at GCSE including English Language.

Unit 1: Identity, Rights and Responsibilities

This unit is the foundation for the course and explores what a citizen is, how equal we are and what rights we have. This includes answering questions like 'how socially diverse is Britain?' and 'how can discrimination and disadvantage be reduced?'

Unit 2: Democracy, Active Citizenship and Participation

The second unit builds on what has been learnt and asks students to consider who holds the power in Britain and what they can do to bring about the change they wish to see in the world.

Assessment

Unit 1: A 1 hour 15 mins written exam paper worth 40% of overall AS mark

Unit 2: A 1 hour 30 mins written exam paper worth 60% of overall AS mark (students will be able to take their Active Citizenship Portfolios into this exam).

Popular Subject Combinations

Many combinations include: Citizenship Studies with Law and History, Citizenship with Psychology, Sociology and Government and Politics. Given the nature of Citizenship Studies it will complement any other study at AS.

Possible Progression

Most students continue onto A2 study in their second year at Stockport Academy to form their A Level in Citizenship Studies. However, AS courses can stand-alone. Most employers and Universities prefer full A Levels.

Possible careers and HE progression

A Citizenship Studies A Level can lead to most courses at University/Higher Education. Most Universities value Citizenship Studies A Level, as do employers as it demonstrates an ability to articulate, reason, interpret and demonstrate a developed understanding of society. The course can lead to a career in law, journalism, social work, public services, teaching and education among many others.