

Curriculum Statement for Citizenship

Curriculum aims

At Vanguard School, the Citizenship curriculum is designed with a clear purpose to ensure that students:

- understand government and politics: How the UK is governed, the role of democracy, and how citizens participate
- explore law and justice: How laws are made and enforced, and the role of the justice system
- start to understand life in modern Britain and their role within society
- develop critical thinking: How to debate and weigh evidence.
- become active citizens: Developing interest in issues that affect them and the people around them and wanting to bring about change.
- have a greater awareness of social issues: Exploring political and social issues and understanding how to contribute to the community

How we teach Citizenship

Our approach to teaching Citizenship is through:

- using a variety of activities that promote deep learning, such a written work, oral work and opportunities for active citizenship
- use of core concepts that help students deepen their understanding of citizenship
- encourage critical thinking and research strategies to help students weigh up evidence and make arguments
- creating an open classroom climate that encourages deliberation, debate and oracy.
- teaching active citizenship, which involves taking responsible action to contribute to democratic and public life
- teach about government and democracy and the rights and responsibilities we have as citizens
- promotion of British Values
- teach about electoral systems and how citizens can influence decisions
- exploring other forms of government, both democratic and non-democratic

Specific resources and schemes

At Vanguard school we support the teaching of Citizenship with the use of:

- primary and secondary sources
- external speakers and workshops

Qualifications:

AQA GCSE Citizenship Studies