

PSHE & Citizenship Curriculum Overview2023 – 2024

Department Name:	Citizenship and PSHEE
Head of Department:	
Subject Teachers:	Mr L Geary Mrs R Barber
Accommodation and Resources:	Teaching is delivered in 2 classrooms located next toeach other. Each room has the required resources todeliver the subject content – reference books, displays and supporting materials.

What will students learn each year?

Year 9 GCSE Citizenship Transition Year

Term 1:

Our Human Rights

- Explore where humans get their rights from and look at what historic events have impacted rights, positively and negatively.
- Understand how, and by who, our rights are protected by.
- To identify a group in society that lacks certain rights, and to research the rights they do not have, the reasons behind it and what society is doing to help them.

Term 2:

Campaigns

- Explore various campaigns around the world and link them to key citizenship topics.
- Become aware of global issues and how citizens & organizations are tackling these.
- Understand how campaigns measure success.
- Evaluate the success of campaigns by looking at the aim, action and whether they have achieved it or not.

Term 3:

Creating a campaign

- Explore a topic of their choosing in depth, to create a campaign about it.
- Identify and implement various campaign methods within the school community.
- Reflect on their campaign, considering how it could be adapted to the wider community, the successes, and failures and how they benefited from it.



Term 4: Law and Crime

- Explore what the law is and why we have laws. Further to that students will identify the differences between rules and laws.
- To understand the different types of law and how these might link to key citizenship concepts such as equality.
- To begin studying the reasons behind crime being committed and the different sanctions that are put in place.

Term 5:

The Legal System

- Explore the different divisions of law and the crimes that they deal with.
- Understand the role of the CPS and the police within the legal system.
- To identify and explain the different types of legal representation and aid offered within the legal system.

Term 6:

Mock Trial

- Explore the different roles within a criminal court.
- Begin studying a mock case and to look at it through the lens of different roles.
- To complete a mock trial, taking on different roles within the criminal court system.



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Term 1:	
Rights and Responsibilities	
 To understand the different types of responsibilities. 	rights (human, moral, legal) and the corresponding
 To explore how historical documents 	s such as the Magna Carta have impacted our rights.
 To identify how our rights are protecrights. 	ted as well as identifying how conflicts affect human
Students will then begin to consider	the law.
Term 2:	
Law and the legal system	
Identify the main sources of law.	
Understand the term legal jurisdiction.	
 Explore the key legal principles that up 	underpin UK law.
• Look at and understand the court sys	stem and the different roles/organizations involved within
it.	_
Term 3:	
Democracy, elections and voting in the UK	and devolution
 To be able to identify the features of a democracy 	
 To understand the different UK political parties and how they differ. 	
Explain the different electoral systems	
To understand the concept of devolution.	
Term 4:	
Devolution continued, the constitution and	d the economy
 To understand the constitution and how it links with the government. 	

• Explain the different branches of government and the role they play in politics.

Identify key aspects of the economy, understanding taxation and the various economic approaches.

Term 5:

The role of the media and free press and citizenship participation

- Identify the role of the media and why it is important in a democracy.
- Explain the term censorship and give examples of positive and negative censorship.

To look at participation and the ways in which citizens can do this. Students will further this by exploring the barriers to participation.

Term 6:

Active Citizenship

• Using the knowledge students have gained over the course of the year they will choose a topic and complete a campaign of it within school.

Reflect on their own campaign and how it could be improved.



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 Understand and compare different types of government. 	
nocracy with a non-democratic country.	
British values.	
n migration and asylum, using a case study to put this into	
e debate surrounding them	
world	
tions that the UK is part of and their impact.	
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I crimes and conflicts, looking at how they are dealt with.	
nternational conflicts.	
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Revision based activities focusing on key conceptsand skills required for the exam