

Frequently asked questions: Citizenship

1. What is the exam board:

Edexcel

2. How many exams are there and what percentage of the total is each exam:

There are two exams worth 80 marks each. Therefore, each exam is worth 50% of the qualification.

3. What do students learn about in Citizenship?

The GCSE course starts by looking at what it means to be a citizen of the UK today. We then explore how the UK's democratic and legal systems work. Students will also learn about how power and influence is exercised around the world. One of the central aims of citizenship is to encourage young people to become active citizens. (see more information on Citizenship campaign below)

4. How much of the course is coursework:

There is no coursework. However, students must complete a Citizenship campaign task which they will be assessed on in Paper 2 of the exam.

5. What is the Citizenship campaign task?

The campaign is a planned course of informed action to address a citizenship issue or question of concern. Students must demonstrate they have delivered a benefit or change for a particular community or wider society. For example, students may choose to raise awareness about the importance of young peoples' participation in elections.

6. How does the Citizenship qualification compare to other Humanities GCSEs?

The citizenship exam is written to the same standard as other Humanities subjects and the skills developed during the Citizenship GCSE are comparable / similar.

7. Are there any key resources that I should buy to support my child taking this subject?

No however a revision guide for the Edexcel exam will be provided as a resource on Google Classroom.

As the subject requires students to demonstrate awareness of current affairs students should be regularly accessing:

News programmes on BBC / ITV / SKY etc

'Quality' newspapers either online or printed versions such as The Guardian / The Independent / The Telegraph / The Times

The printed version of The Metro also has some good news coverage.