

Subject: Citizenship

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What is provided at KS3 and/or at KS4

Cloughwood Academy will provide a programme of study which should help develop the students understanding of democracy, government and the rights and responsibilities of citizens.

Pupils are taught about

- The development of the political system of democratic government in the United Kingdom, including the roles of citizens, Parliament and the Monarch.
- The operation of Parliament, including voting and elections, and the role of political parties.
- The precious liberties enjoyed by the citizens of the United Kingdom.
- The nature of rules and the justice system, including the role of the police and the operation of courts and tribunals.
- The roles to improve their communities, including opportunities to participate in school based activities by public intuitions and voluntary groups in society, and the ways in which citizen's work together.
- The functions of money, the importance and practice of budgeting, and managing risk.

Why do we teach this subject?

The purpose of the programme is to provide pupils with the knowledge, skills and understanding to prepare them to play a full and active part in society. It enables them to have a keen awareness and understanding of democracy, government and how laws are made and upheld. It also equips pupils with the skills and knowledge to explore political and social issues critically, to weigh evidence, debate and make reasoned arguments. It should also prepare pupils to take their place in society as responsible citizens, manage their money well and make sound financial decisions.

What do pupils gain from it/how do they benefit?

The national curriculum for citizenship aims to ensure that all pupils.

- Acquire a sound knowledge and understanding of how the United Kingdom is governed, its political system and how citizens participate actively in the democratic systems of government.
- Develop a sound knowledge and understanding of the role of law and the justice system in our society and how laws are shaped and enforced.
- Develop an interest in, and commitment to, participation in volunteering as well as other forms of responsible activity, that they will take them into adulthood.

Are equipped with the skills to think critically and debate political questions, to enable them to manage their money on a day-to-day basis, and plan for future financial needs.

Any statutory requirements?

Citizenship education forms part of the KS3 compulsory national curriculum.
All pupils within years 7 and 8 will receive a Citizenship programme which has clear stated objectives

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