

Year 8

	Term 1a	Term 1b	Term 2a	Term 2b	Term 3a	Term 3b
Topics Covered	Justice Rights and Responsibilities Human Rights Identity & Diversity		Justice, Advocacy & Representation Conflict Media Critical Thinking		Critical Thinking Responsible Action Taking Action	

Year 9

	Term 1a	Term 1b	Term 2a	Term 2b	Term 3a	Term 3b
Topics Covered	Justice Rights & Responsibilities Justice System Knife Crime		Democracy Advocacy		Advocacy Critical Thinking Independent Enquiry Controversial Issues Current Affairs	

Key Stage 4

Examination		Coursework	
<p>The exam is 60% of overall mark and lasts 1 hour 15 minutes.</p> <p>Section A: Short and long answer questions on your coursework.</p> <p>Section B: Short answer questions using information given in the exam as well as your knowledge.</p> <p>Section C: Long answer questions using your knowledge.</p>		<p>Coursework is 40% of overall mark. Students must take part in a school or community-based activity that is Citizenship based and they must reflect on the process of participation in the activity.</p>	
Knowledge Required			
Unit 1	<p>Power & politics The opportunity for individuals & voluntary groups to bring about social change locally, nationally, in Europe & internationally. The nature of democracy; why people living in democracy should vote & play an active part in the democratic & electoral processes. Electoral processes; voting rights & the role of Parliament, the government & the courts in making & shaping the law.</p>	Unit 6	<p>The media The importance of a free press & the media's role in society; ownership of the media & whether what is presented is influenced by owners or consumers; arguments for & against censorship. Why freedom of information is necessary in a democracy. The press (the difference between quality & popular), television & internet. The role of the media in shaping opinion.</p>
Unit 2	<p>Criminal & civil justice Crime & punishment. Why laws are needed for society to function. The role & operation of the criminal & civil justice systems.</p>	Unit 7	<p>Global business How the economy functions, including the role of business & financial services. Global trade, debt, participation & protest e.g. fast-food, sportswear, arms, films, music</p>
Unit 3	Coursework activity	Unit 8	<p>Environmental issues Local, national & global issues; participation & protest e.g. sustainable development, Local Agenda 21 (responsibilities of local authorities to improve sustainable development)</p>
Unit 4	<p>Roles, rights & responsibilities Legal & human rights & responsibilities underpinning society & how they relate to citizens. Consumer rights. Employment rights & responsibilities.</p>	Unit 9	<p>The UK's place in the world Links to Europe, the Commonwealth, the United Nations e.g. disaster relief, epidemics, peacekeeping etc. Opportunities for individuals & voluntary groups to bring about social change locally, nationally, in Europe & internationally.</p>
Unit 5	<p>Communities & identities Multi-cultural Britain: the origins of the regional, religious & ethnic identities in the UK & the reasons for them. The need for mutual respect & understanding. Issues relating to discrimination on grounds of race, gender & disability.</p>	Unit 10	GCSE Examination period
Assessment			
<p>Your coursework will be assessed against the EDEXCEL criteria and awarded a grade. You will also have the opportunity to present your answers both verbally and in writing. You will also self assess, participate in peer assessment and be assessed by your teacher. You will complete GCSE short course in Citizenship. The final examination is in June Year 11.</p>			