

Y11 Parents' Evening – Citizenship GCSE Information Sheet

AQA GCSE: Citizenship Specification: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/citizenship/gcse>

Examination Information:

GCSE Citizenship Studies is assessed at grades 1-9. Students will be assessed entirely through two 1hr45min externally marked exam papers. There are no planned changes to the GCSE Citizenship Studies course for 2022, but further information will be provided in February.

Paper 1 consists of a booklet with two sections. Section A examines students on how citizens and groups can bring about change and hold those in power to account (active citizenship). There are also 24 marks for writing about the work they completed for their active citizenship project. This work was mainly completed during lockdown, but some students will be catching up with this work following the first Y11 mock exam. Students' knowledge, understanding and evaluation of a range of citizenship issues related to politics and participation will be examined in Section B. We study the politics and participation theme last. Students should be guided by the number of marks in order to know how much time to spend on each part of a question. There is plenty of time to analyse sources and plan answers and to still have a minute per mark for written responses.

Paper 2 consists of a booklet with two sections. Section A examines students on the theme Life in Modern Britain, which was covered in year 10. Section B examines students on the Rights and Responsibilities theme that was covered in year 11. The January mock exam in year 11 will cover these two themes as they were studied first and are now complete. (A second mock paper in the spring will examine students on paper 1, which is taught last). Students should be guided by the number of marks in order to know how much time to spend on each part of a question. There is plenty of time to analyse sources and plan answers and to still have a minute per mark for written responses.

How you can support your child:

In order to achieve the best possible overall grade for their Citizenship GCSE we strongly recommend that students get into the habit of regular revision from now onwards if they are not already doing so. 15 minutes twice a week will significantly enhance their knowledge, skills and confidence in the subject. This time could be spent revising from their book, Myvle, or Revision Guide. Ideally students would make flashcards covering key knowledge and test themselves regularly using the resources they have made.

Key Websites:

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage/key-stage-4/subjects/citizenship> – which has excellent resources and full lessons for students to revise from
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z3ckjxs> – good for quizzes and video resources to aid revision, but students will need to ensure they pick the right sections that match work they have completed in school. They should be guided by the sections in the revision guide.

Myvle:

All current lessons and resources are available to students on Myvle – Citizenship Y11. It is important that if students are away from school that they catch up on the lessons that they have missed.

If you have any queries at any time please do not hesitate to contact the director of Personal Development via the school or via email: info@ladymanners.derbyshire.sch.uk