WOODSIDE HIGH

OPTIONS SUBJECTS

Citizenship GCSE

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

Ms R.McDonald

EXAM BOARD

AQA

BREAKDOWN OF MARKS

Two written exams: 1 hour 45 minutes
80 marks each

Paper 1
Section A: Active citizenship
Section B: Politics and participation

Paper 2
Section A: Life in modern Britain
Section B: Rights and responsibilities

Question types: multiple-choice, short answer, source-based questions, extended answer

SKILLS

You will need to be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of citizenship concepts, terms, and issues.

You will need to able to apply your knowledge and understanding of citizenship concepts, terms and issues to different contexts and actions.

You will need to be able to analyse and evaluate a range of Citizenship evidence, debates and actions, including different viewpoints, develop reasoned, clear arguments and make judgements.

VITAL INFORMATION

Hold a strong interest in raising awareness and campaigning. You will have to complete an the investigation - taking citizenship action which makes up 15% of your overall marks.
You will need to be able to write extended writing responses in timed conditions.
You will need to be able to explore current political debates outlined in the course.

CURRICULUM CONTENT

Content is split into three distinct topic areas with the active citizenship element running throughout

Life in modern Britain:
What are the principles and values that underpin British society?
What do we mean by identity?
What is the role of the media and the free press?
What is the UK's role in key international organisations?
How can citizens make their voice heard and make a difference in society?

Rights and responsibilities:
What laws does a society require and why?
What are a citizen's rights and responsibilities within the legal system?
How has the law developed over time, and how does the law protect and deal with criminals?
What are the universal human rights and how do we protect them? How do citizens play a part to bring about change in the legal system?

Politics and participation:
Where does political power reside in the UK and how is it controlled?
What are the powers of local and devolved government and how can citizens participate?
Where does political power reside: with the citizen, parliament or government?
How do others govern themselves?
How can citizens try to bring about political change?

CURRICULUM & CAREER PROGRESSION

NEXT STEPS

Citizenship offers the opportunity for further study at A' level and beyond. With Citizenship GCSE you could move onto studying the following subjects at A level:

Government and politics, Law, Media and Sociology

There are also a range of smaller qualifications available and modules within vocational and other qualifications

CAREERS

Charity / Community development worker
Government + Politics
Campaign worker
International aid/development worker
Lawyer
Newspaper journalist
Social researcher
Secondary school / Further education teacher
Social worker/Youth worker
Police officer