

Achieving Success – Subject Specific Tips

Subject	Citizenship	Exam Board	AQA
Class and Homework Expectations			
Students must bring the following items each lesson: - Pen, pencil, ruler, exercise book, homework booklets Students may also wish to bring: - Highlighters, flashcards Homework must be brought to lesson as directed, completed to the highest standard			
Scheme of work			
<u>Year 10</u> <u>Paper One - Politics and Participation</u> This unit aims to give the student, through an understanding of the political process, the knowledge and skills necessary to understand how to resolve issues, bring about change, and how the empowered citizen is at the heart of our society <u>Paper Two – Life in Modern Britain</u> This unit looks at the make-up and dynamics of contemporary society, what it means to be British, as well as the role of the media and the United Kingdom’s role on the world stage		<u>Year 11</u> <u>Paper One - Active citizenship</u> Students are required to undertake an investigation into a citizenship issue of their own choice which involves research, action and reflection <u>Paper Two – Rights and Responsibilities</u> This unit looks at the nature of laws, rights and responsibilities within the UK and has a global aspect due the nature of international laws, treaties and agreements by which the UK abides.	
Assessment objectives			
AO1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of citizenship concepts, terms, and issues	AO2: Apply knowledge and understanding of citizenship concepts, terms and issues to contexts and actions.	AO3: Analyse and evaluate a range of evidence relating to citizenship issues, debates and actions, including different viewpoints, to develop reasoned, coherent arguments and make substantiated judgements.	
Assessment			
<u>GCSE Exam Structure</u> <u>Paper One</u> Section A: Active citizenship Section B: Politics and participation • How it's assessed • Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes • 80 marks, 50% of GCSE			

Questions

- Section A: Active citizenship questions: questions on the citizenship action of others and questions on the students taking citizenship action investigation (40 marks)
- Section B: Politics and participation question (40 marks)
- Question types: multiple-choice, short answer, source-based questions, extended answer

Paper Two

Section A: Life in modern Britain

Section B: Rights and responsibilities

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How to do well in the subject at GCSE

- Ensure you focus in your lessons and contribute to check understanding
- Demonstrate independence and desire of learning and progress
- Identify any areas of weakness and work on these, seeking assistance where necessary
- Meet all deadlines set

Support Available

- Revision classes
- Revision guides available to students
- Interventions in Year 11
- Use of Teams

How parents could help support

1. Support them in completing homework to the highest standard possible. If they miss any lessons, use Google classroom to stay up to date on classwork and homework.
2. Get involved in the preparation for assessments and PPEs. Students need to revise for these, and you can support this by asking them questions about the text/topic they are studying, encouraging them to make notes, flashcards, quizzes, mind maps etc.
3. Support them in attending revision sessions and beginning their own revision at home early.
4. Encourage them to watch the news/read news articles to develop their understanding of contemporary ethical issues around the world.
5. Purchase, and encourage them to use, revision guides and workbooks.

We recommend: [My Revision Notes: AQA GCSE \(9-1\) Citizenship Studies Third Edition: Amazon.co.uk: Mitchell, Mike: 9781398372283: Books](#)

Helpful websites or resources

<https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/citizenship/AQA-8100-SUBJECT-VOCAB.PDF>

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/citizenship-studies/gcse/citizenship-studies-8100/specification>

<https://www.thenational.academy/teachers/programmes/citizenship-secondary-gcse/units?years=11>

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