

# Citizenship

## AS/A2 Level

### AQA

#### Structure & Specification

Year 1: AS Level Award 1101

Year 2: A2 Level Award 2101

#### Syllabus details

AQA Social Science: Citizenship 5101

#### What does the course include?

##### Year One- AS

##### **UNIT ONE (CIST1): Identity, Rights and**

**Responsibilities.** This module examines what it means to be a 'British' and whether we are all equal, by examining prejudice, discrimination and disadvantage. This unit will also require you to develop a knowledge and understanding of what an individual's rights and responsibilities are in modern Britain and how these are protected by legal frameworks and courts.

##### **UNIT TWO (CIST2): Democracy, Active**

**Citizenship and Participation.** This module will involve you understanding how power can affect people's ability to participate in society by exploring concepts such as active citizenship. Students are required to participate in a group or groups in their own community to develop an understanding of processes and strategies used to support the local community interests and make a difference. These activities will be used as a basis for their Active Citizenship Profiles.

##### Year Two-A2

##### **UNIT THREE (CIST3): Power & Justice**

This module will involve the study of the citizens' place in the political system and how crime, justice and punishment relate to citizens. An essential part of this module requires you to develop an understanding of how the UK is governed, who speaks on behalf of citizens and how the British legal system is organised. Students are encouraged to take a practical approach to these issues, for example, by visiting their local Magistrates Court, and observing the way(s) in which citizens take an active role in the justice process.

##### **UNIT FOUR (CIST4): Global Issues and Making a**

**Difference** This unit will require you to develop a knowledge and understanding of global citizenship by examining what we mean by universal rights and human rights abuses. You will be required to look at global issues such as conflict and its resolutions. This module requires you to undertake research by examining a pre-released topic (provided by the exam board) to identify the background issues involved and how

#### How will I learn?

The course teaching is shared between two humanities teachers in order to ensure that a range of teaching methods and strategies are used and that all learning styles are addressed. There will be a strong emphasis on current affairs, textual analysis, written work and class discussion. You will work on tasks and assignments as an individual but you will also be required to work as a member of a group. You will write essays, give presentations and undertake research. You will read widely in order to expand your knowledge, improve your written skills and develop as an independent learner.

#### How will my work be assessed?

For the AS level & A Level award, there are two written exams which are assessed through a range of source-based and mini-essay questions. UNIT 1 is worth 40% of your overall AS Level grade and UNIT 2 is worth 60% of your overall AS Level grade. UNIT 3 & 4 are each worth 25% of your overall A Level grade.

#### What skills will I need to be successful in this subject?

The rationale for this specification derives from the Crick Report's belief that '*citizenship education is education for citizenship, behaving and acting as a citizen, therefore it is not just knowledge of citizenship and civil society; it also implies developing knowledge, understanding, skills and values.*' In order for you to succeed on this course you must be prepared to involve yourself in political and sociological debate, you must read widely and possess a genuine interest in the subject area. Written work is essential and commitment to improving and developing as an independent learner is greatly emphasised.

#### What are the entry requirements?

You must have GCSE English Language at a grade C or above.

#### What are the opportunities after this course for further/higher education and employment?

An AS Level in Citizenship at grade C or above would enable progression to degree courses in Journalism, Sociology, Criminology, Politics or Law.