



GET THE PICTURE ON
OCR GCSE
**Citizenship
Studies**



"Citizenship education is not about trying to fit everyone into the same mould, or creating the 'model', or 'good', citizen. It is about enabling citizens to make their own decisions and to take responsibility for their own lives and their communities."

www.citizenshipfoundation.org.uk

*Where in the world would we be without **citizenship?***

Why OCR GCSE Citizenship Studies? Let us put you in the picture.

If you're weighing up your GCSE options at the moment, take a minute to consider just what you might gain if you choose our Citizenship Studies. Read on and let us explain a bit more ...

What's in it for me?

With its emphasis on active citizenship, this course will help you discover what it takes to be a practical citizen, and about being involved in your community. You'll also have an opportunity to put what you learn into practice as you create a campaign in your school, college or local community.

How could it help with my future?

Citizenship Studies would be most useful if you're interested in a career involving government (local and national); charities (especially those concerned with human rights, international development or environmental issues); law; advisory bodies; the police; the Crown Prosecution Service; community groups; roles within the European Union; teaching; or journalism.

What are some of the things I'll learn?

With rights, come responsibilities. You'll learn about both – and what they mean to you as an individual in your everyday life. You'll also learn about them with regard to each other, within families, within a democracy and as a global citizen. You'll find out about the legal and justice systems, democracy and voting ... and more.

"We are all in the same boat. More than ever before, the human race faces global problems. We must come together and work out global solutions."

Address by Kofi Annan to the United Nations Association, January 2006 as quoted on kofiannanfoundation.org



How will my work be assessed?

This GCSE has a combination of exams and controlled assessment. Controlled assessment means coursework you do in a supervised environment – which could be in your classroom or, for example, as part of your active campaign.

You'll have:

A341 Rights and Responsibilities – Getting Started as an Active Citizen – a controlled assessment unit, worth 30% in total. You'll produce an active campaign in your school, college or local community.

A342 Identity, Democracy and Justice – Understanding our Role as Citizens – a 1-hour written exam, based on one of the topics you'll have studied. This is worth 20% of your total mark. Your teacher will tell you when you'll be doing this paper.

A343 Rights and Responsibilities – Extending our Knowledge and Understanding – a 1-hour written exam, based on one of the topics you'll have studied. This is worth 20% of your total mark. Your teacher will tell you when you'll be doing this paper.

A344 Identity, Democracy and Justice – Leading the Way as an Active Citizen – a second controlled assessment unit, worth 30% in total. You'll produce a piece of work based on what you've learned about leading the way as an active citizen.

What grades could I get?

You could achieve any grade from A* to G, depending on how you do.

Got any more questions?

If you think this GCSE is right for you, why not have a chat with your Citizenship Studies teacher? You could also check out www.citizenshipfoundation.org.uk to find out more about citizenship or take a look at www.ocr.org.uk for past papers.