



# Citizenship

**Citizenship Studies** is a fascinating subject which enables students to express their ideas and play a vocal part in society. We will study a range of political topics including human rights, crime and law. We also complete an Active Citizenship campaign which involves working on an issue you feel passionate about to make a positive change for our school or wider society. Citizenship enables students to develop an understanding of elements which make up society including our public services, political and legal systems. In this subject, you will apply learning to real-life scenarios on both a local and global scale. You will also learn the importance of working as a team to take part in group projects to bring about positive change.

## What will I learn about?

**Active Citizenship:** Here you will design your own campaign which aims to benefit school or society. You will contact experts, businesses and our Senior Leadership Team to vocalise your ideas. You will work as a team to manage, communicate, and assess the usefulness of your campaign as part of your project.

**Politics and Participation:** Here you will learn about the local, national and international government and the role of the citizen in trying to make a difference. We study different worldwide political and legal systems and the importance of voting to make change.

**Life in Modern Britain:** Here we will explore the big questions surrounding life in Britain. We will consider the make-up and dynamic of contemporary society, what it means to be British, as well as the role of the media and the United Kingdom's relationship with other countries.

**Rights and Responsibilities:** You will consider several aspects of British law, our rights and how legal systems differ in the UK. We will closely consider the role of the courts, police and issues surrounding justice. We will also study several aspects of crime, including how investigations take place, young offenders and debate the ways offenders are punished.

## How will I be assessed?

Students will take two 1 hour 45-minute exams, with each exam being worth 50% of the total grade. Some of this assessment is based around your individual active citizenship project.

## What future opportunities can this lead to?

Citizenship would greatly benefit the skills and confidence of individuals looking to explore world issues and events. This subject provides an excellent foundation to support a wide variety of different subjects and career pathways including working in politics, law, the armed forces, the police, local government, journalism, teaching and management.

## Who can I speak to for more information?

For further information about the Citizenship course please speak to Mrs Clapham, Mrs Needham or contact [options@penistone-gs.uk](mailto:options@penistone-gs.uk).