

Year 7 - 11

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We Value:

In our subject we value people from all walks of life. We recognize and appreciate difference and work hard to understand each other. We celebrate our British identity while learning how to become global citizens. We endeavour to take nothing at face value and to challenge our own misconceptions. We value critical thinking above all else. All students have ideas about current global issues and we at Chessington seek to support that curiosity by helping develop the skills needed to present an argument in an effective and academic manner.

We offer these Opportunities:

In our subject you will have the opportunity to express yourself, to learn about your place in the world and to take action on behalf of the issues you are passionate about. Students will have the opportunity to engage with the wider community on trips, such as visiting Parliament and the Crown Court. Guest speakers are also invited in to support student's academic learning.

In **Year 7** we learn about what a community is, what it means to be a citizen, what rights we are entitled to and how the media influences society.

In **Year 8** we study diversity and what it means to live in a diverse and vibrant community like the United Kingdom. Students will learn to be financially responsible and how to manage money. Finally we will learn about the criminal justice system.

In **Year 9** students learn how to debate a global issue. Students will have the opportunity to explore what makes a terrorist and what the global community is doing to combat these groups. They learn about the rules and laws that govern them and how to apply the concept of justice. Students will be learning about Britain's role in international law and how we work together with other nations.

In **Year 10** and **Year 11** students learn what it means to be an active citizen and how to participate in society in a meaningful way. They then learn about what it means to be a citizen of the United Kingdom and how British identity forms. Students will engage with the legal system and be asked the question, what is just and what is fair? Finally students will learn about global issues and how they can make a difference.

Our Successes:

Many students have gone on to study government and politics, law and sociology at A-level after enjoying their time completing GCSE citizenship. Students have campaigned on social issues that matter to them and have developed their own moral compass. Students are engaged with and passionate about the subject and our recent results reflect that commitment. Citizenship studies has become a popular option within the school curriculum with a strong uptake at GCSE level