

# Frequently Asked Questions: Citizenship Studies

- **Why is Citizenship Studies important?**

Citizenship education helps to equip students to deal with situations of conflict and controversy knowledgeably and tolerantly. It helps to equip them to understand the consequences of their actions, and those of the adults around them.

- **Do I have to study Citizenship?**

Citizenship is not an optional subject, all students complete the GCSE AQA Citizenship course.

- **What topics do you cover at GCSE?**

| <u>Paper 1</u>  | <u>Paper 2</u>   |
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| <b>What's assessed:</b><br>Section A: Active citizenship<br>Section B: Politics and participation   | <b>What's assessed:</b><br>Section A: Life in modern Britain<br>Section B: Rights and responsibilities |
| <b>How it's assessed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Written exam: 1hr 45 mins</li><li>• 80 marks</li><li>• 50% of GCSE</li></ul> | <b>How it's assessed</b><br>Written exam: 1hr 45 mins<br>80 marks<br>50% of GCSE                       |

- **How many Citizenship lessons do you have per week?**

Key Stage 3 students have Citizenship lessons once a week. In Key Stage 4, this is increased to twice a week.

- **When do you sit the exam?**

GCSE Citizenship at TIGHS is a three-year course. This means students will sit the exam at the end of Year 11.

- **Which exam board do you use?**

AQA.

- **What do our students do after studying Citizenship?**

Many of our students move on to studying Government and Politics at A Level. Citizenship helps develop a range of transferable skills that prepare students for a range of different subjects including English, History, Geography and Politics.