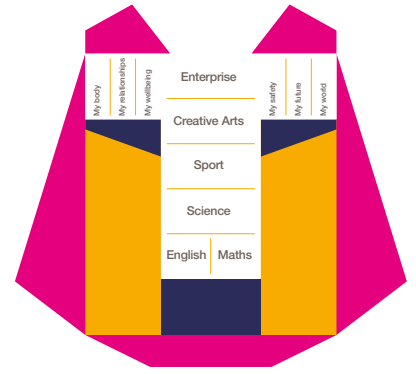


Citizenship



The 'Citizenship' curriculum consists of three steps.

Build

The 'Build' stage focuses on ensuring that all students have the basic knowledge, understanding and skills in order to become young and engaged active citizens with an initial focus on an 'Introduction to Politics'.

Grow

At the 'Grow' stage, students will build on the skills and knowledge from Build, focusing further on details related to the Government, Cabinet and MPs. Students learn about the history of active citizenship, and how it plays an important role in politics. They will also begin to look at politics through a global lens.

Launch

At the 'Launch' stage, students will be exposed to the most important ideas, issues and legalities that will affect them during their lives. They will develop knowledge, skills and understanding to prepare them to play a full and active part in society. This includes developing an awareness and understanding of democracy, government and how laws are made and upheld. Citizenship also equips pupils with the skills and knowledge to explore political and social issues critically, weigh evidence, debate and make reasoned arguments. It prepares pupils to take their place in society as responsible citizens.

Build

- › Understand what a citizen is and the skill to make suggestions about how citizens can work together to improve their communities, including ways they can work together to improve their school
- › Understand the different types of communities and identities that are in the UK
- › Understand the rights of children and why they are important
- › Begin to understand how local democracy works
- › Understand what Active Citizenship is and how communities are made up of different identities
- › Understand the precious liberties enjoyed by the citizens of the United Kingdom
- › Begin to explore how political systems in the UK work, including understanding the role of different political parties, the role of MP's and understand the organisation of the UK government
- › Understand the law and how it is changed, including understanding what crime is and how communities can prevent crime

Grow

- › Understand and respect democracy and support for participation in the democratic processes, including how citizens can bring about change, and why this is important to the democratic process
- › Understand the public institutions and services in England and the skill to explain their purposes
- › Explore how the UK is governed and the difference between local, regional, and national governance. This includes understanding what democracy is and why the UK is considered a democratic country
- › Understand the roles played by public institutions and voluntary groups in society, and the ways in which citizens work together to improve their communities, including opportunities to participate in school-based activities
- › Understand the functions and uses of money, the importance and practice of budgeting, and managing risk
- › Explore how global problems affect us all, and how we can take responsible action

Launch

- Understand parliamentary democracy and the key elements of the constitution of the United Kingdom, including the power of government, the role of citizens and Parliament in holding those in power to account, and the different roles of the executive, legislature and judiciary and a free press
- Know the different electoral systems used in and beyond the United Kingdom and actions citizens can take in democratic and electoral processes to influence decisions locally, nationally, and beyond
- Explore other systems and forms of government, both democratic and non-democratic, beyond the United Kingdom
- Understand local, regional, and international governance and the United Kingdom's relations with the rest of Europe, the Commonwealth, the United Nations, and the wider world
- Understand what human rights are and how this is protected by international law
- Understand the legal system in the UK, different sources of law and how the law helps society deal with complex problems
- Understand the diverse national, regional, religious, and ethnic identities in the United Kingdom and the need for mutual respect and understanding
- Understand the different ways in which a citizen can contribute to the improvement of his or her community, to include the opportunity to participate actively in community volunteering, as well as other forms of responsible activity
- Understand income and expenditure, credit and debt, insurance, savings and pensions, financial products and services, and how public money is raised and spent