

Curriculum overview – PSHE/Citizenship department

Intent

The Citizenship curriculum aims to:

- develop knowledge, skills and understanding that students need to play a full part in society as active and responsible citizens. Students learn about politics, parliament and voting as well as human rights, justice, the law and the economy. They also learn the skills of active citizenship. Teaching is brought to life using real issues and events in local to global contexts.
- provide learning experiences to engage and inspire, for example, Mock trial team, parliament trips and having solicitors in school to deepen the students' knowledge of law but also to provide inspiration, and information about routes into possible careers.

The PSHE curriculum aims to:

- give students the knowledge, skills, and attributes they need to keep themselves healthy and safe and to prepare them for life and work in modern Britain.
- give students opportunity to meet and engage with expert visitors to ensure the information and advice they receive is current and accurate.
- signpost people and organisations that can provide help and support to them.

KS3 overview

- KS3 PSHE- 1 hour per week.
- The curriculum is planned using the PSHE Association guidelines, government recommended curriculum and pupil voice. It is also influenced by research and local trends identified in topics such as County lines or CSE.
- Careers education is delivered for one half term to each year group.
- Expert visitors used where possible.

KS4 overview

- KS4 PSHE- 1 hour per week. Planned and delivered as above.
- Careers education is delivered for one half term to each year group.
- Expert visitors used where possible.
- Citizenship GCSE- Edexcel.
- Current year 11- 3 hour per week over 3 years.
- Current year 9 and 10- 2 hours per week over 3 years.

Stretch and challenge

- Extended writing tasks 10, 12 and 15 mark questions.
- Insist on subject specific, key vocabulary being used.
- Extension/challenge tasks within lessons.
- Extension tasks/questions in marking of exercise books and on SITS.
- Trips, mock trial and speakers to motivate and raise aspirations.

Enrichment opportunities

Various trips run through the year, including a day in Parliament, The National Justice Museum and Sheffield Crown court.

We also have many expert speakers into lessons from organisations such as Spectrum and Sheffield Hallam Law School.

There are endless careers experiences delivered both in school and in work/education settings around the country.