

**OVERVIEW**

Students studying Citizenship in Year 7 will begin with the Democracy and Government module, which supports students' involvement in the SCA school council elections. Much of the content links directly to the British Values of democracy and individual liberty. In Term 1, students are not only equipped with the knowledge to learn about the processes involved when living in a democratic society, but also take part in the process, culminating in a SCA election day. The theme of democracy and individual liberty is then weaved into Term 2, as students move on to their second module 'human rights and responsibilities'. Within this module, students will explore the history and development of human rights, with a specific focus on the suffragist and suffragette movement for women's right to vote. In Term 3 of studying Citizenship, students will always study a PSHE or RSE module. We begin in Year 7 on the theme of 'relationships' and again, this is something that is embedded throughout KS3.

**Democracy and the Government**

**Topics covered within the Y7 Democracy and Government module:**

- 1- Democratic principles: freedom, fairness and equality
- 2- Parliament
- 3- The role of an MP
- 4- School Council Elections (Big Think)
- 5- School Council Elections (Big Write)
- 6- WCF
- 7- Political parties

**Assessment:**

The 'Big Write' question that students will be asked is to 'write a speech detailing reasons why you believe you would be a suitable candidate for the SCA student council'.

**Human Rights and Responsibilities**

**Topics covered within the Y7 Rights and Responsibilities module:**

- 1- The story and development of human rights
- 2- Rights and liberties in society
- 3- Protected characteristics
- 4- The fight for equality- women's right to vote

**Assessment:**

The 'Big Write' question that students will be asked is: 'human rights should never be limited' how far do you agree?

**PSHE and RSE**

**Topics covered within the Y7 PSHE and RSE module:**

- 1- Types of relationships and roles of parents
- 2- Unhealthy relationships and domestic Violence
- 3- The Law relating to the supply and possession of illegal substances
- 4- Physical and psychological risks of drug taking
- 5- Smoking- costs and impacts
- 6- Alcohol- costs and impacts

**Assessment:**

Assessment in PSHE and RSE does not follow the usual trend of using the 'big write'. This is because these topics are much more of a matter of fact as opposed to peoples' opinions. As a result, we still ensure that both formative and summative methods of assessment are carried out, whereby students will have an overall 'knowledge checker quiz' to assess their holistic knowledge and understanding.

**Useful resources for supporting your child at home:**

- Y7 Citizenship Knowledge Organiser
- Microsoft TEAMS
- Oak National Academy- KS3 Citizenship
- BBC Bitesize- PSHE and Citizenship
- BBC Teach Videos
- Being aware of the news and current affairs