

**GCSE Citizenship Studies Curriculum Plan – Year 10 and 11**  
**AQA Specification (8100) – 2022/2023**

Year	Term	Paper	Specified Content
Year 10	1	Paper 1  Politics and Participation	<p><b>Where does political power reside in the UK and how is it controlled?</b></p> <p><i>Democracy and its forms; rights underpinning democracy; the British constitution.</i></p> <p><b>What are the powers of local and devolved government and how can citizens participate?</b></p> <p><i>Local councils, council officers and councillors; devolution in the UK and England; elections; voter engagement and participation; budget; taxes and debates around taxation.</i></p>
Year 10	2/3	Paper 1  Politics and Participation          Paper 2  Rights and Responsibilities	<p><b>Where does political power reside in the UK and how is it controlled?</b></p> <p><i>Democracy and its forms; rights underpinning democracy; the British constitution.</i></p> <p><b>What are the powers of local and devolved government and how can citizens participate?</b></p> <p><i>Local councils, council officers and councillors; devolution in the UK and England; elections; voter engagement and participation; budget; taxes and debates around taxation.</i></p> <p><b>What laws does a society require and why?</b></p> <p><i>Principles of law; the nature of rules; right in local and global situations.</i></p> <p><b>How has the law developed over time?</b></p> <p><i>Magna Carta; Human Rights Act (1998); common law and legislation; trade unions and employment associations.</i></p>
Year 10	3	Paper 2  Rights and Responsibilities	<p><b>What are a citizen's rights and responsibilities within the legal system?</b></p> <p><i>The roles and powers of the police, judiciary; legal representations; civil and criminal law and courts; alternative dispute resolution methods; age, crime and the justice system; the UK legal systems.</i></p> <p><b>How does the law protect the citizen and deal with criminals?</b></p> <p><i>Differing types of crime; profile of criminality; factors affecting crime rates; ways to reduce crime; punishments; sentencing.</i></p>

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11	1	Paper 1  Politics and Participation	<p><b>Where does political power reside in the UK and how is it controlled?</b></p> <p><i>Democracy and its forms; rights underpinning democracy; the British constitution.</i></p> <p><b>What are the powers of local and devolved government and how can citizens participate?</b></p> <p><i>Local councils, council officers and councillors; devolution in the UK and England; elections; voter engagement and participation; budget; taxes and debates around taxation.</i></p>
11	1/2	Paper 1  Politics and Participation	<p><b>Where does political power reside: with the citizen, parliament or government?</b></p> <p><i>Voting systems; the branches of government; House of Commons; House of Lords; the monarch; political parties; political scrutiny; roles in parliament and government; organisation of government.</i></p> <p><b>How do others govern themselves?</b></p> <p><i>The European Parliament; key differences between democracies and non-democracies.</i></p>
11	2	Paper 1  Active Citizenship	<p><b>Citizenship action</b></p> <p><i>Stage 1: Deciding the question or issue. Stage 2: Carrying out the initial research. Stage 3: Planning the action. Stage 4: Taking the action. Stage 5: Assessing the impact of the action. Stage 6: Evaluating the whole process.</i></p>
<p><b>Across the teaching of Year 10 and 11 and Paper 1 and Paper 2 students will investigate the <b>action of others</b>.</b></p> <p><i>How citizens can contribute to parliamentary democracy and hold those in power to account; how digital democracy, social media and other measures are being developed as a means to improve voter engagement and the political participation of citizens.</i></p> <p><i>The different forms of action citizens can take to hold those in power to account for their actions; how the citizen can contribute to public life by joining an interest group or political party: standing for election; campaigning; advocacy; lobbying; petitions; joining a demonstration; volunteering.</i></p> <p><i>The roles played by public institutions, public services, interest and pressure groups, trade unions, charities and voluntary groups in providing a voice and support for different groups in society.</i></p>			