**CITIZENSHIP DEPARTMENT**

**(within the Social & Economic Studies Faculty)**

The Citizenship department is an experienced, successful and cohesive department that is part of the wider Social & Economic Studies Faculty. This faculty consists of Business Studies, Child Development, Citizenship, Economics, Law, Psychology and Sociology. We are a strong and well-resourced faculty, offering students a challenging and positive learning experience.

Citizenship is a well-respected subject in school. All students in Years 7 to 11 study Core Citizenship for one 50-minute period per week and all 6th formers study Personal Social Ethics (PSE) for one 50 minute period per week. We have a long and proud history of active citizenship participation in the local and wider community too. Our students are passionate advocates for many important social issues and we place great value on the development of skills to support informed and responsible action.

Edexcel GCSE Citizenship is offered as an optional subject for study from Year 9 to Year 11 and we have a thriving uptake of students. Students study GCSE Citizenship for 3 periods per week plus 1 period of Core Citizenship. GCSE Citizenship has a history of sustained high levels of achievement.

Core Citizenship is an unexamined curriculum for all students from Year 7 to Year 11. It is very well established and has been embraced by students as a valuable addition to our broad and balanced curriculum which furthers their engagement with society and supports their development towards becoming informed, responsible and articulate citizens.  We are fully committed to developing articulacy amongst the student body and all students in Years 7-11 currently take part in assessed presentations every term which further enhances their public speaking skills and awareness of Citizenship issues in society. We also offer KS5 provision of PSE with a weekly single non-examined period. Our faculty also offers a number of opportunities beyond the taught curriculum including Debate Club.

We offer superb facilities with all classrooms in the department equipped with 4K HD commercial displays, visualisers and teacher PCs. The faculty has access to chrome books which the departments are able to use for scheduled lessons through an online booking system. All teachers in the school are provided with a personal device.

The successful candidate can look forward to being part of an aspirational and ambitious faculty team that is supportive and has high expectations for the learning and achievement of all students.