

OVERVIEW

Students studying Citizenship in Year 8 will begin studying the Law & Justice module, where the content has a focus on local law and justice within the community. Firstly, this makes the content more relatable to the students and also encourages them to develop their own critical thinking and to question the moral implications of offending behaviour. The Spring term covers Careers Education Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG). This has been carefully selected to prepare students for their GCSE options choices, as it provides the students with the opportunity to identify their interests and hobbies. The common theme of 'relationships' is embedded throughout the PSHE/RSE topic studied in term 3. Term 3 in Y8 encourages students to build on prior knowledge from studying healthy and un-healthy relationships in Y7 and how this links to topics such as consent, abuse and grooming.

Law and Justice

Topics covered within the Y8 Law and Justice module:

The history of crime and punishment in the UK
The UK's approach to criminals: Punitive Vs Restorative
Components of the British CJS and their effectiveness
Types of sentences and their effectiveness
Patterns of crime; locally and nationally

Assessment:

Students in Y8 will continue to be assessed using both formative and summative methods. The Academy wide 'Big Write' programme will assess students' knowledge and understanding and develop students' critical thinking skills. The 'Big Write' question that students will be asked is 'the criminal justice system is not fit for purpose' how far do you agree?

CEIAG

Topics covered within the Y8 careers, education, information, and guidance module:

Youth Justice
Interests and skills
Different types of employment
Career market and pathways information
Progression routes; college and university
Progression routes; apprenticeships, traineeships, and workplace training

Assessment:

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PSHE and RSE

Topics covered within the Y8 PSHE and RSE module:

Soft skills (interview skills, confidence building)
Sexual consent and exploitation
Abuse and grooming
Forced and arranged marriages
FGM and Honour based violence

Assessment:

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Useful resources for supporting your child at home:

- Y8 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