

## **CITIZENSHIP POLICY**

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### *1. Aims*

Regent College is committed to providing an entitlement curriculum in Citizenship in which every student will have the opportunity to learn and reflect about themselves as a member of a global community. It will provide all students with opportunities to acquire:

- The knowledge and understanding needed to become an informed citizen and so encouraging attitudes of tolerance and respect for all;
- The skills of enquiry and communication;
- The skills of participation and responsible action, which will prepare all students to be good citizens.

### *2. Delivery*

Citizenship will be delivered through:

- PHSE in Yr 10 and Yr 11 (pre-16 GCSE)
- Assemblies
- Activity days
- The general life of the school;
- Extra-curricular activities (where appropriate).

### *3. Content*

Students will be given the opportunity to learn how to become active and informed citizens. This will involve learning about and how the breadth of public services and British Institutions and legal system work together to support a modern democratic society through:

- Parliamentary democracy and government of UK
- Rights and responsibilities
- Freedom of speech and diversity of views
- The economy;
- The law and justice system
- The role of the media in informing and influencing public opinion
- Action people can take to influence decisions
- Public finance
- Public services and the voluntary sector
- Diversity

- Migration
- The European union, commonwealth and the UN

### *3.1 Enquiry and Communication*

Students will acquire this knowledge via the skills of enquiry and communication:

- They will be encouraged to think about topical, spiritual, moral, social and cultural issues, problems and events by analysing information from different sources.
- They will express, justify and defend orally and in writing a personal opinion about such issues, problems and events.
- They will be invited to contribute to group and class discussions about such issues.

### *3.2 Responsible Citizen*

Students will be encouraged to acquire the skills and processes of becoming a responsible citizen through:

- Critical thinking and enquiry
- Advocacy and representation
- Taking informed and responsible decisions.

### *4. Monitoring and Evaluation*

The policy will be evaluated and monitored by the Co-Principals on an annual basis.