



Learning for Life: Citizenship Policy

At The King's School, Learning for Life is recognised as an essential part of a young person's full educational entitlement, encompassing PSHEE, Citizenship and Careers Education.

The Citizenship programme will enable all students to:

- gain knowledge and understanding of citizenship issues relevant to them and the wider world
- develop skills of enquiry and communication
- develop skills of participation and responsible action

This will be accomplished by:

- equipping all students with the knowledge, skills and understanding necessary for them to play an effective role in society at School, local, national and international levels
- educating students to become well-informed, confident, thoughtful and responsible citizens, who can play their rightful part in society e.g. taking part in the democratic process
- promoting spiritual, moral, social and cultural development; ensuring knowledge and understanding of the basis of cultural heritage and the development of different communities; encouraging respect and tolerance for and understanding of different national, religious and ethnic identities
- teaching students about our own and global economies and democratic institutions and values
- developing students' abilities to reflect on issues and take part in discussions
- encouraging students to play a helpful part in the life of their School, neighbourhoods, communities and the wider world, gaining an appreciation of the part they play within these communities
- developing students' self-confidence and their decision-making skills
- developing students' skills of enquiry
- enabling all students to reach, according to their ability, appropriate levels of knowledge, understanding and skills.

All members of the School community participate in Charities' Week each year, in addition to a number of other fund-raising and participatory activities. Opportunities for students to experience active involvement in decision-making in School is provided through the Student Council, Learning Commission and the prefect system. All students participate in the Assemblies programme, and in Activities Week, which includes elements of Citizenship education.

The teaching of Citizenship Education will:

- involve both active and interactive strategies within the classroom
- include a variety of media in order to present issues
- involve cross-agency working
- recognise the different ways in which students learn
- take into account these different learning styles
- include individual, group and whole-class teaching, as and when appropriate

Learning for Life, including Citizenship, is assessed and reported to parents in line with the School's Reporting and Assessment Policy.

Monitoring and evaluation

The delivery and teaching of Citizenship will be monitored and evaluated in the same way as for other curriculum areas: through regular meetings between the Curriculum Area Manager (Learning for Life) and the SLT Link, through meetings between the Link Governor and the department and through lesson observations.

This policy will be reviewed regularly by the Curriculum Area Manager for Learning for Life/the Senior Leadership Team, in order to make additions, deletions or amendments to the document in the light of School, local and national changes.