

Assessment of Citizenship at GCSE



The Citizenship GCSE course at Limehurst Academy follows the Edexcel 9-1 specification. It is examined by 2 exams at the end of year 11, with each contributing 50% of the overall grade.

Paper 1

1 hour 45 minutes – 80 marks

Theme A: Living together in the UK

Theme B: Democracy at work in the UK

Theme C: Law and Justice

The paper is divided into 4 sections.

The first three sections test the ability to recall and apply knowledge (AO1 and AO2) from Theme A-C.

The final section consists of two extended answers which test the ability to analyse, evaluate and make a substantiated judgement (AO3).

Paper 2

1 hour 45 minutes – 80 marks

Theme D: Power and Influence

Theme E: Taking Citizenship Action

The paper is divided into 3 sections.

The first section concerns the specific citizenship action that students took as part of Theme E. It tests the ability to apply knowledge to their own experience (AO2), as well as the ability to analyse, evaluate and form a judgement (AO3).

The second section focuses on a source which relates the citizenship action of others. It looks for students to use their Theme D knowledge to understand, comment on, and suggest actions. (AO2 and AO3)

The final section initially tests the ability to recall knowledge from Theme D (AO1). The final two questions are extended answers testing analysis, evaluation and forming a judgement (AO3). The last question links content from Theme D to one of Themes A-C.