

Ted Wragg Trust Curriculum Map: Theology, Ethics and Citizenship

The Theology, Ethics and Citizenship (TEC) course allows students to complete two GCSE courses, Religious Studies (RS) and Citizenship.

The RS course consists of two core elements, the study of the beliefs and practices of two major world religions and responses to social themes and ethical issues. It develops powerful knowledge because it instils in students a deeper understanding of the lives of literally billions of people. It also increases their knowledge and understanding of significant ethical issues such as abortion and capital punishment, developing their appreciation of the complexities of these issues and the varied responses to them.

The Citizenship course is designed to develop politically aware students who are concerned with human rights and social justice, aware of the UK's role in the world and their own roles within their communities. It develops students' knowledge of the legal and political systems – areas in which many of their peers may be less informed. Thus, Citizenship students have a deep understanding of important issues such as human and legal rights, politics, the media and the role of the UK within international organisations.

In terms of cultural capital, RS helps students understand the world around them as they gain a deep understanding of the beliefs and practices of Christians and Muslims, the two biggest religions in the UK. They also gain an understanding of the views of other religious believers, and non-religious people relating to a wide-range of topics and issues, from human rights and euthanasia to climate change and animal rights. Similarly, Citizenship helps students understand the world around them and their place within it. Students are very aware of legal and moral rights and responsibilities. They also develop an appreciation of the importance of active citizenship.

One of the key skills TEC students develop is the ability to evaluate, to take information from a variety of sources and interpret it accurately, reaching logical and reasoned conclusions. TEC students are also analytical, looking at a range of views on an issue or topic, analysing the reasons behind these views and inferring the implications and potential impact of these views.

Supporting literacy is important within TEC as students are introduced to many new terms and concepts, particularly as they study for the beliefs and practices paper in RS and Politics and Participation in Citizenship. Knowledge and understanding of religious quotes is also important and time is spent learning and analysing these, along with using them accurately when answering exam practice questions.

Retrieval practice primarily takes place in lessons through the 'Do Now' tasks which form the silent starter at the start of each lesson. It also occurs through the inclusion of exam-style questions which require students to refer to previously gained knowledge.

CYCLE 2: CITIZENSHIP
Politics and participation

- Political power in the UK
- Local and devolved government
- Elections and voting
- Forming a Government
- The role of MPs
- The legislative process
- Politics beyond the UK

Revision for GCSE Citizenship exams:

CYCLE 3: CITIZENSHIP
Revision and GCSE Citizenship exams:

Paper 1 – Modern Britain & Active Citizenship
Paper 2 – Rights & Political participation

CYCLE 1: CITIZENSHIP
Life in modern Britain

- British values
- Identity
- The media and a free press
- The role of the UK in international organisations

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CYCLE 3: RS
GCSE RS exams

CITIZENSHIP
Active citizenship

- The actions of others
- Citizenship Action

CYCLE 2: ETHICS
Crime and Punishment

- Types of crime
- Aims of punishment
- Capital punishment

Social Justice

- Human rights
- Wealth and poverty
- Prejudice and discrimination

Revision for GCSE RS exams:
Paper 1 – Theology
Paper 2 – Ethics

Potential future careers using RS or Citizenship

Philosopher, theologian, lawyer, ethicist, diplomat, journalist, politician, police officer.

Key concepts



Beliefs



Practices



Ethics



Rights



The Law



Politics



Interpreting



Communicating



Debating



Evaluating



Analysing

Key skills

To develop culturally aware students with a deep appreciation of worldviews combined with an advanced understanding of the complex issues that exist within society.