



Maria Fidelis Catholic School FCJ

THE CITIZENSHIP POLICY

Vision Statement

Our approach to Citizenship education is closely linked to British values that are promoted in all areas of school life. These values not only reinforce the way in which we hope our students will learn to participate in school life but they also reflect the basic British values of:

- **democracy**
- **the rule of law**
- **individual liberty**
- **mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith.**

It is our hope that the citizenship programme we offer at Maria Fidelis will help our students to become responsible citizens who contribute in a positive way to British society.

AIM

To follow the government guidelines for the delivery of Citizenship at KS3 & 4 as set out in the 2014 National Curriculum for Citizenship. Within doing that we want to:

- acquire a sound knowledge and understanding of how the United Kingdom is governed, its political system and how citizens participate actively in its democratic systems of government.
- develop a sound knowledge and understanding of the role of law and the justice system in our society and how laws are shaped and enforced.
- develop an interest in, and commitment to, participation in volunteering as well as other forms of responsible activity, that they will take with them into adulthood.
- are equipped with the skills to think critically and debate political questions, to enable them to manage their money on a day-to-day basis, and plan for future financial needs.

Purposes of the curriculum

To instill the values of British society in young people, make them active citizens who have a working knowledge of the way in which our financial, legal and political systems work.

Delivery of the curriculum

KS3

- **Theme days:** These days are tailored to meet the requirements of the national curriculum. Each year group will have 6 hours of citizenship per year delivered through external organisations. These include:
- Citizens UK of which Maria Fidelis is a founding member of the London Branch.
- Jack Petchey speakers trust, delivering workshops on public speaking.
- Lawyers in schools, focusing on British Law including Human Rights and Family law (6 session's year 9 only).
- Camden Council Justice Days, raising awareness of injustice, discrimination and where to go if you need protection.
- GAGV- Growing against Gang Violence.
- CAFOD- setting up and running a campaign.
- Year 9 have one lesson of citizenship a week on a carousel. These lessons focus on SCMS and British Values.

KS4

- Tender, raising awareness of gang violence, FGM and sexual exploitation.
- Finance awareness training
- Targeted assemblies that address themes such as basic British Values including, individual liberty, the rule of law and tolerance.

In all curriculum areas teachers will highlight opportunities to address and explore British Values. These will be indicated in schemes of work and lesson plan were relevant.