



Charters School

Specialist Sports and Science College

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Dear Parents / Carers

AS CITIZENSHIP IN YEAR 12

I am writing to inform you that your son/daughter will be studying for AS Level Citizenship as part of their Enrichment Learning experience. Entry for the qualification will take place in June 2012 and I would like to outline more about the qualification which your son/daughter will be studying this academic year.

AS Level Citizenship

Citizenship is a full AS Level AQA Qualification which comprises of two exams and is taught through a one hour weekly lesson and a Citizenship Curriculum Enrichment day in November.

- Unit 1 (40%) - Identity, Rights and Responsibilities
1 hour 15 minute exam to be taken in June 2012
- Unit 2 (60%) Democracy, Active Citizenship and Participation
1 hour 30 minute exam to be taken in June 2012

There is an expectation that students will complete homework tasks and show commitment to being active citizens within the school and wider community. This might entail researching about a particular issue and then undertaking some voluntary work or campaigning through signing a petition or writing to an MP. Evidence which shows that they have done this is used in the unit 2 exam. Pupils will formally start the unit 2 course in January. Throughout Year 12 it would be beneficial for students to become more informed about Citizenship issues in some of the following ways:

- Regularly read a broadsheet newspaper
- Log onto 'The Day' (an educational news service which produces three daily news stories and a bank of excellent resources)
www.theday.co.uk username: charters, password: theday
- Find out more about charities or organisations which interest them

Past students have found that the extra UCAS points gained from this qualification have enabled them to succeed in getting a place at the first choice University. In addition AS Citizenship provides them with opportunities to become more 'well-rounded' and informed Citizens so I am grateful for your support in this key area of 'Enrichment Learning' at Charters.

Yours sincerely

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