

CITIZENSHIP

As part of the Middle School Diploma, pupils will be expected to follow an extended course in Citizenship. The main focus for this will take place during the course of Year 8 and will form the main part of their wellbeing sessions.



Pupils will be looking at local, regional, national and global communities and discussing and learning about the role they as young people, have to play in all these areas. They will consider British Government and British values as well as, democracy and our voting system.

Pupils will be encouraged to research and find out about the voting and electoral systems of other countries and compare them with those that Britain has.

Having had time to learn about our country and the way in which our voting system works, pupils will then have the opportunity to devise their own personal campaign. This might include research from within school or from beyond, it may include school based debates and may then be followed by pupils canvassing their ideas in preparation for a whole school vote. They will have the chance to work either as part of a group or on their own, planning their campaign, developing their own interpersonal and communication skills whilst reinforcing the democratic foundations on which our country's electoral system works.

Within this area of the MYD pupils will be awarded credits for the quality of their research, for the effort put into their personal campaign for the efficiency of their canvassing and promoting of their particular area, for the running of debates or votes and for reflection on the quality and effectiveness of their campaign.