

# Citizenship at Pate's



As a school we welcome a number of speakers in to our assemblies to raise awareness of key events; to describe the political landscape; to promote opportunities for students; and to support local and national charities.

All year groups have the opportunity to discuss news and current affairs in timetabled TPM sessions.

All students have the opportunity to represent their House in a Public Speaking competition.

## KS3

### Year 7

In **PDC** there are lessons on Parliament, timed to coincide with National Parliament week in November. This supports whole school events running in this week on politics and Parliament.

There are lessons on crime and the law; this covers the difference between civil and criminal law. Students learn about the key roles and processes in a Crown Court case.

There are lessons exploring what is meant by the term 'refugee' and the difficulties that refugees face leaving their home country and settling in Britain. They consider what freedom means and what we consider to be 'British values'.

There is a lesson based around the *Run, Hide, Tell* resource produced by the Government on what to do in the event of a terror attack.

### Year 8

In **PDC** there are lessons on how we can tackle extremism in order to make our communities safer and more welcoming for all. The first lesson explores the difference between extremism and terrorism and asks students to consider what might lead someone to become radicalised. The second lesson looks at the role of the media and how our use of language can exacerbate situations. The third lesson explores how charismatic leaders can sometimes distort people's perceptions of the value of the beliefs and ideas they promote.

There are five lessons on discrimination in the rotational curriculum. This explores racism, gender, disability, homophobia and sexuality.

### Year 9

In **PDC** there are lessons developing critical thinking skills to enable students to better scrutinise the information put out in the media concerning global news.

There is a unit looking at the ritual of female genital mutilation, FGM, and the physical and mental consequences of this process. The lesson explores what can be done to raise understanding of the dangers of this practice within the communities where this is carried out in order to protect future generations of young girls.

## KS4

### Year 10

In the **FLD** programme there has been time to revisit elements of the KS3 programme that were not in place when the new PDC curriculum was developed.

There is a workshop that considers the difficulties faced by refugees seeking asylum in Britain and that highlights the work of local support groups, *Cheltenham welcomes refugees* and *GARAS*.

As all students work through the new curriculum, there is scope to respond to global events as they arise and run workshops that explore these future issues over the next few years.

## **Sixth form**

All students in the 6<sup>th</sup> form hear from visiting speakers as part of the IAG and TPM Programmes. In addition, the vast majority of students elect to hear from the many speakers who visit during lunchtime, as part of the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Societies Programme of events.

