

# 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 follow National Parliament week in November. This supports whole school events running 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 are TPM sessions on news and current affairs.

## KS4

In the FLD programme 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*.

Students consider the impact of FGM and Forced Marriage and the issues raised.

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

At Key Stage 5, all students have opportunities to develop their knowledge and understanding of the world around them and their place within it through our extensive curricular, extra-curricular and super-curricular offering, including:

- Student led assemblies
- Pate's Baccalaureate
- Participation in debating competitions, European Youth Parliament, Politics Week, visiting speakers
- Parliament Week activities - recent themes have included political leaders' lunchtime debates, whole school elections and tutor activities.
- Themed days and associated outside speakers – for example, International Women's Day
- Senior House Public Speaking
- Student led Sixth Form Societies – including, but not limited to, Fem Society, LGBT+ Society, British Sign Language Society, Multi Faith Society, Christian Union, Philosophy, Theology & Ethics Society, Model United Nations Society, Debating Society, and Politics Society.

There is a culture of volunteering and giving back across the Sixth Form. Students regularly involved them in a range of activities that develop them as global citizens and have a positive impact on those around them. This includes:

- Volunteering in local care homes, primary schools, and local charities such as 'Family Space'
- Acting as Mentors in our Shaping Futures social mobility programme.

Our Community Committee comprises Sixth Form students and oversees our work in the local community. All students are also actively encouraged to join the Committee. This committee organises a range of activities, including termly collections for three local food banks.

Sixth Form students run six charity events every year. Five of these are for charities of their own choosing. The whole school is involved in supporting these events. Last year the students raised over £9,000 for their selected charities, plus an additional £6,500 at an extra event for the Disasters Emergency Committee in response to the Ukraine War.

Sixth Formers also participate in an Enquiry Day, which is led by our PTE department and provides an opportunity for them to work collaboratively to develop a real-world, complex, and nuanced response to a challenging societal question. Students take part in workshops as well as hearing from leaders in the field.