

# CITIZENSHIP LESSONS AT TANBRIDGE HOUSE SCHOOL

*'If children are to be empowered as citizens then they need to learn in an environment that recognises them as citizens; treats and respects them as citizens and provides opportunities to practise and then develop skills which make people responsible citizens'*

*Time for Rights, Unicef and Save the Children, 2002*

Citizenship at our school is taught across a variety of subjects but mainly in PSHE, Geography, History, Drama, Science and RE. However, it is not just about the learning that takes place in the formal lessons, it's also about the way students and staff communicate and relate to each other and the opportunities provided to be positive and active citizens in school and within the community e.g. representing the student council or becoming a peer educator.

The three main concepts that underpin the study of Citizenship at Tanbridge are;

1. Democracy and Justice
2. Rights and Responsibilities
3. Identities and Diversity; living together in the UK

The three main skills and concepts to ensure that our students make progress in Citizenship are;

1. Critical thinking and enquiry
2. Representation of their own and others views, the ability to debate and negotiate
3. A willingness to take informed and responsible action (Active Citizenship)

Citizenship learning in year 7 mainly covers; Rights and responsibilities, resolving conflict and understanding each others views, whatever our cultural backgrounds.

The scope for learning about Global Citizenship is massive....increasingly out of necessity our lessons consider global issues, ask questions and develop critical thinking skills about students as citizens of our world, their role in it and how their decisions impact upon it.