



## **Global Citizenship – What is it and why is it important?**

### **A Global Citizen is someone who:**

- is aware of the wider world and has a sense of their own role as a world citizen
- respects and values diversity
- has an understanding of how the world works
- is able to empathise with social injustice
- participates in the community at a range of levels, from the local to the global
- is willing to act to make the world a more equitable and sustainable place
- takes responsibility for their actions.

To be an effective Global Citizens, young people need to be flexible, creative and proactive. They need to be able to

- solve problems
- make decisions
- think critically
- communicate ideas effectively and work well within teams and groups.

These skills and attributes are increasingly recognised as being essential to succeed in other areas of 21st century life too, including many workplaces. These skills and qualities cannot be developed without the use of active learning methods through which pupils learn by doing and by collaborating with others.

Europe is a continent that defies easy categorisation. Shifting borders; competing ideologies and visions of political community; languages, cultures and faiths that unite and divide in equal measure. Even in the relative stability of the last 50 years, Europe remains a contemporary challenge.

In Global Citizenship this year you'll conduct your own research with varied communities to understand the challenges faced across the continent.

Through a close engagement with people, language, and society, you will demonstrate the values of Global Citizenship that are needed in an ever more connected world.

### **What skills will I develop?**

- Film-making, film-editing, and poster design
- Language skills in European languages (from sounds and simple structures)
- Ethnographic interview and fieldwork techniques
- Critical thinking and analytical skills
- Dealing with empathy and serendipity in interdisciplinary research



## **What will I do?**

### **1. Sample languages**

You'll explore some of the languages spoken in our community – Italian, Spanish, French and German. You'll gain an understanding of how language relates to identity and personality on an individual level, and what it has to do with other cultural practices such as religion and politics.

### **2. Understand the region**

You'll get to grips with Europe across a variety of perspectives – from history to politics, faith to migration.

You'll develop an understanding of a huge range of subjects, including the history of political ideas particular to Europe and the European Union, the linguistic landscape of the region, migration along Roman roads and Mediterranean seaways, Viennese theatres in Odessa, Muslim populations now and hundreds of years ago, Turkish travellers, Gypsy settlements, and Jewish townships.

Afterwards, you'll discuss these subjects in small groups and debate the issues facing Europe today.

### **3. Get creative**

- You'll create a short documentary film about a member of the European community
- You'll curate a portrait exhibition to tell the story of your language and culture.