

Citizenship in the News – Edition 19

Citizenship Studies in the news aims to stimulate discussion for GCSE Citizenship Studies by considering contemporary issues and their relevance to our lives. We have compiled a range of current news articles* and linked these to the key questions, explored in themes A-D of the specification. You may wish to investigate and integrate into your teaching practice to help contextualise key issues and bring the subject to life!



Link	Details	Links to Speciation
Theme A Article 1 Article 2	The ONS have released figures suggesting that UK population growth will begin to slow from the mid-2030s, with decline beginning in the 2050s.	Theme A Living together in the UK 1. The changing UK population
Theme B Article 1 Article 2	June saw Keir Starmer resign and the emergence of Andy Burnham. There was no general election yet policies and processes which impact citizens will change. However, this is not unusual; Burnham is the 7th PM in 10 years – and five of these came to power without an election.	Theme B Democracy in the UK 3, 4 & 5. Government Parliament and The Constitution
Theme C Article 1	Views of the law and of the police have changed greatly over the past few weeks. It leads us to ask what happens when the law gets things wrong? The BBC investigates the murder of Henry Nowak in Southampton and reviews the police response to the case.	Theme C Law and Justice 1. Police and the criminal justice system
Theme D article Article 1 Article 2 Article 3	There are wider questions about the role of the media in Keir Starmer’s resignation, and the level of citizenship participation in choosing a new PM.	Theme D Power and Influence 1, 3, 4 & 5. What role and influence should the media have?

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