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Civic, Social and Political Education (CSPE)

Civic, Social and Political Education aims to prepare students for active participatory citizenship. This is achieved through comprehensive exploration of the civic, social and political dimensions of their lives at a time when pupils are developing from dependent children into independent young adults. It should produce knowledgeable pupils who can explore, analyse and evaluate, who are skilled and practised in moral and critical appraisal, and capable of making decisions and judgements through a reflective citizenship, based on human rights and social responsibilities.

It is built around three strands:

- rights and responsibilities,
- global citizenship and
- exploring democracy.

There is a strong focus on student action aimed at giving students an experience of active citizenship.

CSPE is an important part of a Wellbeing programme within Junior cycle as it enables students to feel connected to and take responsibility for the wellbeing of others. It also develops students' confidence, agency and engagement, which are important characteristics of student wellbeing.