



**ASSOCIATION FOR  
CITIZENSHIP  
TEACHING**

# **The ACT Quality Standard Programme**

# Session objectives:

Explore the benefits of the programme (both personally and at a school level)

Understand what the Quality Standard Programme entails.

Understand the logistics of the Online Assessment Meeting (OAM)

# What is the ACT Quality Standard Programme?

- A school self improvement process to reflect upon, improve and celebrate your citizenship curriculum offer.
- A supportive, reflective and developmental process which is personal to you and your school.
- Assessment of Quality of Citizenship after one year (normally) with verification which will lead to certification for your school (bronze, silver, gold)

This replaces ACTs previous Quality Standard and is inline with the National Citizenship Education Study (NCES)

# What is the National Citizenship Education Study?

ACT is working with Middlesex University on an innovative national research project to evaluate the impact of Citizenship education in schools. The National Citizenship Education Study (NCES) will allow us to identify and promote best practice going forward, and it will help participating schools to evaluate their own Citizenship and Personal Development provision.

- Simple online questionnaire.
- 15/20 minutes to complete.
- Personalised feedback which will provide you with areas of strength and development.
- Crucial component of the ACT Quality Standard Programme as will form your starting point.



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# The 6 areas of the NCEs

**Leadership**



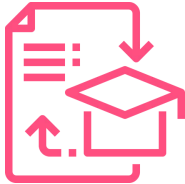
**KS3**



**KS4**



**Curriculum activities**



**Open classroom  
climate**



**Active Citizenship**



# At a glance...

<p>Complete the NCES and decide on your key areas for development (3)</p> <p>ASAP</p>	<p>Touch Point 1. Attend the online CPD to gain additional support and share good practice.</p> <p>9th December 2024</p>	<p>Touch Point 2. Attend the online CPD to gain additional support and share good practice.</p> <p>24th March 2025</p>
<p>Verification outcome confirmed and report provided.</p> <p>TBC.</p>	<p>Online Assessment Meeting (OAM)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- March/April</li><li>- June July</li></ul>	<p>Touch Point 3. Attend the online CPD to gain additional support and share good practice.</p> <p>14th July 2025</p>

Registration to the programme includes access to ACTs full online CPD calendar, allowing you to further personalise your support.

# What are the benefits?

## For me?

Leadership development (UPS, PM or similar)

Increased confidence.

Networking.

Personalised support.

Allows you to work smarter not harder.

## For my school?

National Citizenship requirements.

DofE guidance (impartiality for school)

Personal Development and QofE judgement (citizenship)

Intent, implementation, impact.

Stakeholder voice (students)



# What happens during the OAM?

Supportive - we are not an inspection team!

Opportunity for you to explain your journey and demonstrate the of citizenship within your school (45 minutes)

Focus on the 6 areas previously mentioned.

Questions designed to help you showcase - not to trip you up!

Evidence to be provided, this will support you in triangulating what you are explaining to us (lots of support in how to do this effectively)





# How much work is involved?

The Quality Standard Programme is **rigorous** but also **hugely supportive**.

We do not require a huge folder of evidence.

We provide ideas for evidence, you can select these to best showcase your school (whilst working smarter not harder)

A template slide deck for the OAM is provided.



# Assessment checklist

You will be provided with a checklist for each of the 6 areas.

This provides you with a simple way of assessing your current position.

They also allow you to see progression within that area, and provide ideas for how to move from bronze to silver and silver to gold.

We strongly advise you take time over these.

# FAQs

## How much does it cost?

Stage 1: 12 months of CPD support, including ACTs online CPD (12 month extension for existing members)- £300

Stage 2: Assessment and accreditation - £175

## What if I'm not ready after the year?

We have two assessment windows, if you are still not quite ready, you can choose to have your OAM the next academic year (this does not include additional CPD past your 12 month window)



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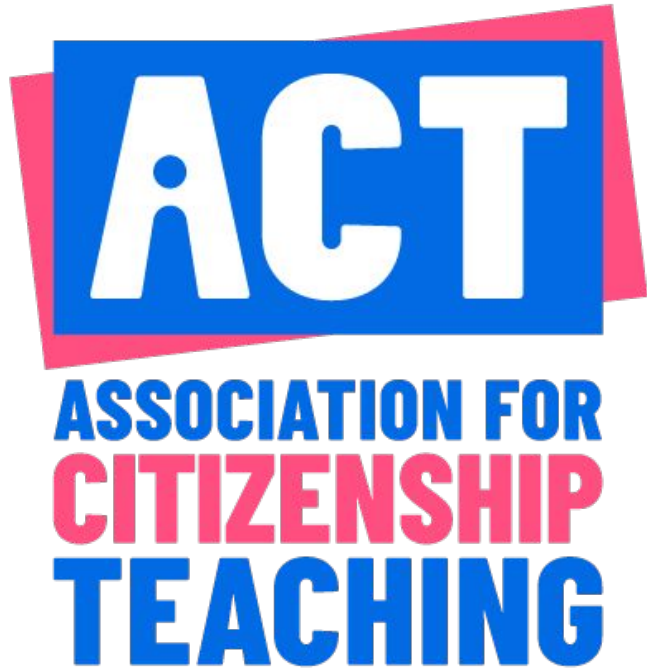
## Who will review my self-assessment?

Members of the ACT team, including colleagues with extensive leadership experience as well as those ‘at the chalk face’.

If you have any questions following this introduction, email:

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