



Weavers Academy joins The Big Legal Lesson 2022 with education charity Young Citizens

This March, students at Weavers Academy will join tens of thousands of young people across schools in England and Wales in receiving the **Big Legal Lesson™ 2022**. This is a national campaign and set of free classroom resources by [Young Citizens](#) with the aim of seeing more young people learn about the law.

In partnership with international law firm [Mishcon de Reya](#), Young Citizens has created the free classroom resources to help learners understand how the legal system affects every part of their lives. Schools and colleges across England and Wales will take part by [pledging to deliver](#) the Big Legal Lesson during the week commencing **14 March 2022**.

With over 55,000 young people taking part in the Big Legal Lesson in 2021, it is the largest public legal education campaign of its kind. The lessons are designed to support educators across disciplines, from primary to secondary age groups, to confidently introduce the law into their classrooms as an essential part of modern citizenship education.

Mr Hunt, Acting Principal at Weavers Academy, stated: *“We are proud to be joining a national network of teachers committed to providing valuable knowledge and skills that will serve our children throughout their futures. The Big Legal Lesson will serve to highlight the importance of the rule of law in defending our democracy and boosting our learners’ legal capabilities.”*

From Key Stage 1 to post-16, schools and colleges can access a full suite of age-appropriate resources covering the fundamentals of law. Primary students will have a chance to learn about the role law and justice plays in society, whilst older students will explore the laws surrounding social media usage. The resources will explore law in the digital world, asking what is acceptable to be posted online and how we can make social networking safe for all in an era of unrivalled free speech.

Last year, 83% of students stated that taking part improved their understanding of the rule of law and why it is important.

“Before taking part in The Big Legal Lesson most of my students had very little understanding about the rule of law and the structure of our legal system. This resource really helped them to gain this base knowledge.” – Secondary school teacher, 2021

Young Citizens has a proud [history](#) of supporting Public Legal Education. Founded in 1989 as The Citizenship Foundation by former solicitor Baron Philips of Sudbury, the charity delivers the National Mock Trials Competitions every year, providing thousands of students with the chance to experience a courtroom case. They are supported by [The Bar Council](#) and the [Law Society](#) to increase legal literacy amongst our young people.

Our CEO, Ashley Hodges, said:

“To build a fairer society, students and pupils need to have positive encounters with the legal system from an early age. The Big Legal Lesson is a special way to do this, equipping teachers across the UK to offer an engaging, accessible starting point on the law and justice, building young people's understanding and confidence to engage with the subject. Every young person should understand their rights, responsibilities and the rule of law, whether or not they go on to practice it. In proud partnership with Mishcon de Reya, we hope The Big Legal Lesson 2022 will be a catalyst for youth-led interest in the justice system”.

Samantha Kakati, Partner at Mishcon de Reya and lead for the Education strand of Mishcon de Reya's Access to Law Impact Aim said:

"The Big Legal Lesson is a critical campaign to help ensure that all of our young people have access to the knowledge and tools to understand and engage meaningfully with our legal, political and social systems. Through its free resources to support teachers, The Big Legal Lesson has a direct and powerful impact on legal literacy. It equips students to realise their personal potential and their potential wider contributions to their society. Now, more than ever, it is important that all of our young people are included and empowered by our inextricably linked systems and platforms. We are delighted to be supporting this important work.”

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