



Social Science Department

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At A-level, the department offers Psychology (OCR), Sociology (AQA) and Politics (AQA). At GCSE, we offer Sociology (AQA) and Child Development (OCR).

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The department's record of achievement and attainment is strong. We understand the importance of innovative teaching and we are continually striving to develop students' learning.

We have a clear vision for the future and aim both to develop our current provision and expand into other social science areas. We are committed to inclusion and equity, excellent learning and teaching and the development of all our staff to become outstanding practitioners.

In short, this is a superb opportunity to lead a dynamic and successful department in a high-achieving, well-resourced school, which is committed to excellence for all students and staff.

The department is located in a new, purpose built, suite of 4 classrooms. Each classroom has a digital projector and wireless internet access.

The department is very well resourced in terms of textbooks and online resources. All Social Science students have dedicated textbooks for personal use, specifically written for the specifications being followed. There are also extensive resources and Internet access for students in the excellent Library/Resource Centre.

Our staff have the opportunity to train aspiring teachers through our SCITT. We can guarantee that the successful applicant, irrespective of their experience, will be offered every opportunity to extend their professional development throughout all the key stages at Blue Coat.

Key Stage 5

	A*-A		A*-B		L3VA	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Psychology	28%	11%	58%	46%	+0.32	-0.21
Sociology	25%	21%	65%	54%	+0.22	-0.06
Politics	44%	33%	88%	71%	+0.59	+0.02

Key Stage 4

	9-7		9-5		9-4	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Sociology	40%	36%	74%	69%	84%	80%
Child Development	14%	34%	50%	49%	75%	71%