

## Bishop Ramsey CE School Head of Business Studies The Social Studies Faculty



The Social Studies Faculty is multidisciplinary comprising 8 subjects. In addition the Careers Department has a Careers/Work Experience Administrator.

Members of the Faculty are as follows:

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| Mr Nick Appel              | Psychology, Religious Education                               |
| Ms Joyti Shah              | Head of Business Studies and Economics                        |
| Mrs Gemini Gohil Al-Sheikh | Teacher of Economics                                          |
| Mr Andy Jeffries           | (Head of Year 13), Economics, History                         |
| Mrs Kathryn Lovewell       | (Assistant Head and Head of Social Studies), Psychology       |
| Mrs Amanda Miell           | Head of Food and Nutrition, Child Development, PSHE           |
| Ms Jackya Monojir          | Sociology, Religious Education and PSHE                       |
| Mrs Amanda Murphy          | (Assistant Head), Sociology                                   |
| Miss Hannah Smith          | Head of Psychology, Sociology                                 |
| Mr Reuben Wellstead        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> i/c Social Studies Faculty, Head of Sociology |
| Mrs Danielle Williams      | Head of Careers, PSHE and Citizenship, Religious Education    |
| Mrs Debbie Wiseman         | (SENCO), Child Development                                    |

### **Business Studies and Economics**

**Business Studies** is an option subject at KS4 and KS5. Students study for their GCSE from Year 10 and follow the Edexcel specification. Students can continue their studies at A Level and follow the full 2 year A Level course also based upon the Edexcel Specification.

**Economics** is a popular option choice which is only offered to students at KS5. Excellent progress is made with student achievement in the top 20% nationally (measured using ALPS). The AQA specification is followed via 4 60 minute lessons per week in Year 12 and 5 lessons in Year 13.

### **Child Development**

**Child development** is an option for KS4, beginning in Year 10. Students study the OCR Cambridge National Level 1 / 2 qualification. This comprises 50% coursework and 50% examination.

### **Food and Nutrition**

**Food and Nutrition** is studied by all students in Years 7 and 8 having a 1 hour lesson a week for half of the academic year. At KS4 Food and Nutrition is an option choice. We follow the AQA specification in Food Preparation and Nutrition which is assessed through 50% NEA and 50% examination.

### **PSHE/Citizenship and Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG)**

PSHEE and Citizenship is taught in mixed ability groups across all Year groups from 7-13. All students have a single 60 minute lesson per week, where they work through a programme of study exploring themes specifically related to their age group. In addition, Year 7,8,9,12 and 13 students have the opportunity to extend their time to 2 hours per week.

**CEIAG** provides students with an action plan to investigate future career options and access requirements, including qualifications at KS4, and support in making choices at KS5 and beyond, for example, University, Apprenticeships, and Employer School Leaver Programmes.

### **Sociology and Psychology**

**Sociology at KS4** is a popular option subject. For GCSE Sociology students opt to study the subject from Year 10 and follow the AQA GCSE Full course. Many students then continue with their studies at KS5.

**Psychology and Sociology at KS5** are very popular option choices, attracting many students from within Bishop Ramsey as well as those joining our 6th form. Both Sociology and Psychology follow specifications offered by AQA and students work towards the full A Level taught across 2 years. All classes are taught in mixed ability groups by subject specialists. Exam results within Sociology and Psychology are strong, with the majority of students achieving above their TMG. A large number of students choose to continue their studies in either Sociology, Psychology or related disciplines with successful applications to the top universities.

### **The Faculty**

The Social Studies Faculty has its own office space and a suite of classrooms all located in a relatively new build section of the school. All staff are issued with laptops and all classrooms have audio and whiteboard facilities.

The Faculty makes a large contribution to the wider life of the school. We run a number of events within school such as Enterprise Day and the Careers Fair, local trips to London for enrichment activities or conferences as well as overseas visits such as the Psychology/Sociology trip to New York. We regard our teachers as learners and so with that in mind, we foster an environment of collaboration and encourage each other to continuously enhance our skills and knowledge through regular sharing of best practice as well as facilitation and/or participation in the wide range of CPD opportunities available. We also enjoy social time together, taking the opportunity to stop for a weekly faculty lunch gives us time to catch up and half termly evenings out provides us with plenty of humour.

We hope this brief synopsis will have given you something of the flavour of Social Studies at Bishop Ramsey. We extend a warm welcome to new members of our friendly, lively and hardworking faculty.