



Social Sciences Faculty

The Faculty, which boasts an experienced and hardworking staff, is a forward looking, successful and thriving part of Rainhill Media Arts College.

Faculty Aims

The Social Sciences Faculty aims to: -

- Promote an enjoyment of learning, where pupils are encouraged to become independent, multi-skilled learners that achieve highly.
- Develop in students an appreciation of the multi-cultural society in which we now live based on their study of different social science subjects.
- Employ a range of teaching techniques providing equal opportunities to all students.
- Ensure all pupils reach their full potential and to foster a lifelong interest in these subjects.
- Enable young people to make sense of the modern world, 'the global village', helping them to become valuable citizens and provide the context and background for all other human activity. That Social Science subjects are vital to any student's education.

Facilities

The Social Sciences faculty is housed in the Sixth Form block with dedicated specialist classrooms for Sociology, Psychology, Criminology and Business Studies, Law and Health & Social Care. All classrooms have interactive Smart-Boards and there are PC's in three of the classrooms.

Staffing

Paul Jarvis	Head of Faculty, Teacher of Business Studies
Rachel Evans	Teacher of Sociology, Criminology and Religious Studies
Fabiana Peers	Teacher of Psychology and Criminology
Anthony Cunningham	Deputy Head Teacher, teacher of Law and Business Studies
Pru Goss	Teacher of Law and Criminology
Lucy Brenton	Teacher of Health & Social Care
Michael Farrell	Teacher of Business Studies

The Faculty structure is led by the Head of Faculty. The Head of Faculty reports to Deputy Head Teacher, Director of Studies.

Curriculum

Key Stage 4

The Faculty offers Business Studies as a BTEC Tech Award in Enterprise. The subject is very popular at key stage four and is delivered by subject specialists. Over two years students study finance, promotion and enterprise. There are currently three classes in each year group.

Key Stage 5

The Faculty offers a wide range of A-level courses which include Law, Psychology and Sociology. In addition, at Level 3 BTEC is offered in Business and Health & Social Care (single and double award). The Faculty also offers Criminology as an Applied A-level, which has proven very popular. The Sixth Form has over 250 students and the Social Science Faculty makes a significant contribution in the courses that are offered post-16.

2021 Performance

	GCSE		AS		ALPS	A2		VA
Enterprise / Business	Dist* / Dist	90.2%				Dist* / Dist	94.4%	+0.42
	Dist* / Merit	92.2%				Dist* / Merit	100%	
Law						A*-B	66.7%	+0.58
						A*-C	88.8%	
Psychology						A*-B	50%	-0.35
						A*-C	83.3%	
Sociology						A*-B	46%	+0.66
						A*-C	82%	
Health & Social Care (BTEC)						D* - D	50%	+0.33
						D* - M	100%	
Health & Social Care (BTEC)						D*D* - DD	100%	+0.82
						D*D* - MM	100%	

Rainhill High School has an above average yearly intake and approximately 300 students in each year group.

A Level / Vocational courses studied:

WJEC (EDUCAS) Law

WJEC Criminology

AQA Psychology

AQA Sociology

Pearson BTEC Extended Certificate / Foundation Diploma Health & Social Care

Pearson BTEC Extended Certificate Business Studies

Extra-Curricular Activities

Social Science visits are frequent and popular. Examples from recent academic years are: -

A-Level trips to Chester Zoo (Psychology), Manchester Buddhist centre (Sociology), Liverpool Crown Court (Law), the Houses of Parliament and Courts of Justice, London (Law).

Health & Social Care have also started to make strong links with UCLAN and Whiston Hospital.

Paul Jarvis

Head of Faculty – Social Sciences

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