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Wootton Upper School and Kimberley 16 - 19 College (in the nearby village of Stewartby), are both operated by Wootton Academy Trust [WAT]. The two institutions are 3 miles apart and linked by a shuttle bus.

WAT is ambitious and its vision is to provide outstanding education in all of its component parts.

Wootton Upper School, with 900 pupils across Years 9 -11, was rated good by Ofsted in November 2017. Results across the core subjects are very high. Progress 8 was 0.13 in 2017; 0.26 in 2018 and 0.2 in 2019.

Most of its students come from two local middle schools.

Kimberley 16 - 19 College has 600 students. In September 2021 this will rise to 650. Around 175 pupils in each year group join the College from Wootton Upper School; the rest join from other local schools.

Kimberley is rated as good by Ofsted with outstanding for Personal Development, Behaviour and Well-being. The College has regularly featured in the Sunday Times list of the top Sixth Form Colleges in the UK based on the proportion of students getting 2As and 1B or better in facilitating subjects. In 2019 Kimberley College was ranked as the 14th highest Sixth Form College in the UK.

The Social Sciences Department

Wootton Academy Trust's Social Sciences Department delivers Key Stage 5 courses in Psychology and Sociology at Kimberley College. Both subjects are highly successful Psychology and Sociology; their popularity and success is leading to further expansion in the staff team delivering these subjects and internal re-organization of the Department.

In September 2021 the department will consist of:

- A Head of Social Sciences* *who will teach A Level Psychology*
- A Head of Sociology
- Teacher of Psychology*
- Part time teacher of Psychology

Ideally [but **not** essential] the Head of Social Sciences and/or the new teacher of Psychology will be able to make a small contribution to the teaching of A Level Sociology in 2021 - 2022.

Sociology and Psychology have their own rooms at Kimberley College. The subjects are very well resourced with a wide range of textbooks and teaching and learning materials, both within the classrooms and electronically.

AQA Psychology specification [2015]

There are currently three classes in Year 12 [75 students] who will move into Year 13 in September. In September 2021 there will be five Year 12 Psychology classes. Further growth is planned in September 2022.

The topics taught are:

Year 12

Paper 1:

- Social influence
- Memory
- Attachment
- Psychopathology

Paper 2: (this is completed in Year 13)

- Key approaches
- Biopsychology
- Research methods

Year 13

Paper 3:

- Issues and debates

plus chosen modules as follows:

- Gender (for 2021, current cohort are learning relationships)
- Schizophrenia
- Aggression

The teaching is currently shared between one full time teacher and a part time member of staff.

AQA A-level Sociology specification.

There are currently two classes in each of Year 12 and Year 13 (46 students and 30 students respectively). This is set to expand to three groups in Year 12 next year. The topics taught are the Sociology of the Family, Education and Research Methods in Year 12. In Year 13, students study the Sociology of Crime and Deviance, Beliefs and Theory and Methods.

The teaching is currently shared between a Head of Subject and another staff member. There are well developed schemes of learning in place. The subject adopts a wide variety of teaching and learning strategies to ensure the best possible outcomes. It is a subject which is held in high regard throughout the college. The subject has achieved outstanding examination results, including in value-added terms, with ALPS grade 1 or 2 sustained over several years. In 2019, the A Level pass rate was 45% A*-A, 75% A*-B and 100% A-D.

If you would like any further information, please contact recruitment@wootton.beds.sch.uk.