



The De Montfort School

Social Sciences at The De Montfort School

Thank you for your interest in the position of Teacher of Social Sciences at The De Montfort School (TDMS).

Social Sciences at TDMS are part of the humanities faculty and are delivered by a committed team of specialists in dedicated teaching rooms. The faculty delivers a range of subjects, namely Psychology, up to Advanced Level. In addition, we also deliver Criminology and Sociology at Advanced Level. We aim to develop and foster a strong curiosity and understanding of the world around us, with a focus on high levels of engagement, enjoyment and progress.

Our Faculty Vision

1. Humanities achieves the best results possible for all students.
2. Our students are enthusiastic and motivated, inspired by dynamic teachers that are prepared to take risks and try new approaches to Teaching and Learning.
3. The highest standards of behaviour and expectations of success are found in Humanities lessons, built upon positive relationships between students and teachers.
4. Students talk enthusiastically about humanities subjects outside of lessons.
5. Students are aware of their strengths and weaknesses and know how to move their learning forwards.
6. Recruitment onto our Humanities GCSE and Advanced Level courses is strong.
7. The faculty is well organised, resourced and led, with all colleagues making positive contributions that are valued, maintaining a collegiate spirit.
8. The environment is stimulating.

The Humanities Faculty consists of a number of full and part-time teaching staff. All our teachers are experienced graduates. Advanced Level and GCSE Humanities are predominantly taught by teachers working within their specialism. Key Stage 2 Humanities is largely delivered by our dedicated Year 6 Team, whilst Key Stage 3 teaching is also predominantly done by subject specialists. The vast majority of lessons are delivered in the Humanities teaching block.

Key Stage 4 Psychology (Years 9-11): Our students follow the OCR specification. This comprises 7 distinct units: criminal behaviour, development, memory, social influence, psychological problems, sleep and dreaming and research methods. Students have three lessons per fortnight in Years 9-11. Students often become very passionate about psychology and enjoy taking part in research and undergoing debates surrounding the ethics of research. Many students then continue with Psychology at A level.

Advanced Level Psychology: We offer AQA Advanced Level Psychology. There are eleven component units which are taken over the course: during Year 12, students study the origins of psychology, research methods, biopsychology, memory, attachment, social influence and psychopathology. During Year 13, students continue to study the different approaches in psychology, research methods and biopsychology and in addition look at the issues and debates in psychology. Students then study 3 option topics which are currently schizophrenia, relationships and forensic psychology. The course is designed to offer a broad and balanced experience that will prepare students for further study or the wider world of work. Students often become extremely passionate about Psychology and so continue to study it at university.

Advanced Level Criminology: We offer Criminology as a level 3 applied qualification. There are 4 units taken over the course: during Year 12, students study units in Changing Awareness of Crime and Criminological Theories. In Year 13, students complete the remaining units in Crime Scene to Courtroom and Crime and Punishment. The course is designed to provide students with an understanding of every aspect of the criminal justice system and the types and purposes of punishment in England & Wales.

Advanced Level Sociology: In A level Sociology we cover several different topics. Education, research methods, work, poverty & welfare, beliefs, crime and deviance and sociological theory. At the end of the course, we want students to have developed an interest in social affairs and have an open and enquiring mind.