



Beths Grammar School

Social Sciences Department Information

A well-qualified graduate is required to join this very successful and diverse department at an exciting time in its development.

The Social Sciences Department at Beths offers History, Government and Politics, Psychology, Sociology and Religious Studies across all levels and prides itself on its collegiate ethos and its professionalism across all areas. The department is housed in a cluster of seven dedicated classrooms in the Millennium Block of the school. All classrooms are well equipped with a PC and an interactive whiteboard. The Social Science staff are both highly motivated and individualistic, implementing new methodologies while maintaining productive relationships with students through a culture of mutual respect and trust.

History is popular at KS3, 4 and 5. There are currently four GCSE History groups in Year 10 and three in Year 11, following the OCR Modern World specification. In the Sixth Form, there are two groups in Year 12 and two in Year 13 following the AQA specification where students study American History 1865-1975 and British History 1951-2007. For Government & Politics, there is one group in Year 12 and one Year 13 group following the Edexcel specification. Psychology has three Year 12 and three Year 13 groups following AQA as does Sociology where there are two Year 12 groups studying Families and Education and one Year 13 group studying Beliefs in Society and Crime and Deviance. All students study Religious Education at KS3 and GCSE with, currently one A Level group in Year 12. Social Sciences have seven members of staff including specialist History teachers. The department is headed by an experienced Head of Department with a 2iC and a subject coordinator for Religious Studies.

Departmental meetings are held once a week, but many more informal meetings take place - both HOD, Subject Coordinators and subject teachers maintain continual contact in order to ensure that delivery is prompt and effective. This ensures that Social Sciences staff are well supported through the sharing of good practice, open lines of communication and positive attitudes.