

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 and Business Studies/Economics, Law and Health & Social Care. All classrooms have interactive Smart-Boards and there are PC's in one of the classrooms. The faculty has its own Laptop trolley and ipad banks are available for student use in the Sixth Form.

Staffing

Paul Jarvis	Head of Faculty, teacher of Business Studies/Economics
Rachel Evans	Teacher of Sociology, Head of Philosophy & Ethics
Anthony Cunningham	Deputy Head Teacher, Teacher of Law and Business Studies
Faye Mitchell	Teacher of Psychology, Lead Practitioner
Pru Goss	Teacher of Law, Business Studies and Politics
Jane Catterall	Teacher of Health & Social Care (0.8)
Vacancy	Teacher of Business Studies/Economics

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 year 9 pupils who have opted for Business are taught the bridging skills and knowledge that are required for Component One and then undertake the three coursework submissions for this component. The subject is very popular at key stage four and is delivered by subject specialists.

Key Stage 5

The Faculty offers a wide range of A-level courses which include Economics, Law, Psychology and Sociology. In addition,

at Level 3 BTEC is offered in Business Studies and Health & Social Care (single and double award). The Sixth Form has over 250 students and the Social Science Faculty makes a significant contribution in the courses that are offered post-16.

2017 Performance

	GCSE		AS		ALPS	A2		ALPS
Business Studies	A/A*	6.7%				A*-B	46.2%	5
	A*-C	60.0%				A*-C	92.2%	
Economics						A*-B	0%	7
						A*-C	77.8%	
Law			A-B	33.3%		A*-B	83.3%	4
			A-C	66.7%		A*-C	83.3%	
Psychology						A*-B	31.3%	6
						A*-C	68.8%	
Sociology	A/A*	44.4%				A*-B	57.1%	3
	A*-C	83.3%				A*-C	100%	
Health & Social Care (OCR Single)						D* - D	0%	6
						D* - M	50%	
Health & Social Care (OCR Double)						D*D* - DD	100%	5
						D*D* - MM	100%	
Business (BTEC)						D* - D	63.6%	3
						D* - M	100%	

Rainhill has an above average intake and approximately 250 students in year 8 to 11. With year 7 have an increased intake to 300.

A Level / Vocational courses studied:

AQA Economics

WJEC (EDUCAS) Law

AQA Psychology

AQA Sociology

Edexcel BTEC Extended Certificate / Foundation Diploma Health & Social Care

Edexcel 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