



THE CRESS FACULTY

The CRESS Faculty at The de Ferrers Academy is currently enjoying its most successful period ever.

The Faculty incorporates Religious Studies, Citizenship and PSHEE (called “Values”) across all Key Stages, as well as Key Stage 4 & 5 Social Sciences. The Social Sciences comprise well established A level courses in Psychology, Sociology and Politics, as well as Level 3 Health and Social Care courses. In Key Stage 4 we offer Level 2 Childcare and Level 2 Health and Social Care courses. Within a secure and well-rehearsed structure, we seek to deliver exciting and engaging programmes of study that respond and adapt to our ever changing society, in order to enable all our learners to attain at the highest level.

Each week, students in Years 7 & 8 study one hour a week of Values, incorporating PSHE, Careers Education & Citizenship Studies. They also have a separate hour of Religious Studies each week. In Year 9 & 11, students will follow the AQA Religious Studies “A” new specification GCSE course for one hour a week. They will have two hours per week of Religious Studies in Year 10. In addition, there are additional enrichment sessions, run as whole cohort activities, covering various Citizenship and PSHEE issues, throughout Years 9, 10 and 11.

As a Faculty, we are committed to the continuing use and development of new technologies to create a relevant and engaging curriculum. Our Childcare course is regularly held up as an example of excellent practice in the use of iPads within an already Apple Accredited institution. All our Key Stage 4 and 5 courses make full use of all digital resources available in the delivery of lessons and feedback, such as iTunesU Google Classroom and Showbie. Some colleagues in the faculty now teach GCSE and A level courses entirely using iPads. We are committed to preparing our young people for their roles as active citizens and are developing ways of utilising the student voice fully, to help us gauge our successes and effectively plan our priorities for development. We will continue to develop and enhance our curriculum as well as our wider Academy activities, in order to achieve this goal.

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Director of Faculty

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