

## WEALD SCHOOL HISTORY & SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

### Introduction

The History and Sociology Department is a strong and experienced team. We have high expectations and create a working atmosphere in which all students can fulfil their potential. History is very popular at Key Stage 4, both History and Sociology are very popular at KS5 and the outcomes for students are excellent.

### Staff and Accommodation

The department comprises eight teachers, all of whom teach across the age and ability range. All are History specialists, some also specialise in Sociology and some hold responsibilities outside the subject area. The department is led by a Subject Leader and an Assistant Subject Leader with responsibility for Sociology. The department has excellent resources and facilities including interactive whiteboards in every classroom. Computer rooms and other ICT resources such as Chromebooks are also readily available.

### Curriculum

#### Sociology

##### Key Stage 5

Sociology is one of the most popular A-level options at the school, with two groups in years 12 and 13. Students follow the AQA specification and cover Education with Research Methods, Families and Households, Crime and Deviance and Global Development.

#### History

##### Key Stage 5

There are three History groups in Year 12 and two in Year 13. We are currently delivering the OCR A-level specification, covering Tudors, Russia and Civil Rights as well as the independent coursework element.

##### Key Stage 4

History is a popular choice at GCSE. Starting in Year 9, students follow a 3-year GCSE course that follows the Edexcel specification. The students learn Medicine Through Time, Early Elizabethan England, Superpower Relations & Cold War and Weimar and Nazi Germany. The course is taught in broad ability groups. We currently have five GCSE groups in Year 9 and expect similar uptake in September.

### Key Stage 3

In years 7 and 8 History is taught over two years in mixed ability learning groups. Drawing on expertise from within the department, we provide a coherent, interesting and challenging curriculum which we ensure is relevant to the lives of our students.

## Enrichment

Students are offered a range of experiences and off-site visits in our enrichment weeks. In Year 8 students are offered a day-trip to Ypres and the First World War battlefields. GCSE students have the opportunity to visit museums and important historical sites in Berlin, and A-level students visit Hampton Court, as well as having the opportunity to handle original Tudor documents at the National Archives.

## Examination Results

Year	GCSE History
2017	A*-C: 77%
2018	4-9: 82%
2019	4-9: 75%
2020	4-9: 81%

Year	A Level History
2017	A*-C: 82%, A*-E: 100%
2018	A*-C: 100%, A*-E: 100%
2019	A*-C: 85%, A*-E: 100%
2020	A*-C: 87%, A*-E: 100%

Year	A Level Sociology
2017	A*-C: 85%, A*-E: 100%
2018	A*-C: 89%, A*-E: 94%
2019	A*-C: 89%, A*-E: 97%
2020	A*-C: 76%, A*-E: 100%

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