**ABOUT THE SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT**

The Social Science department consists of Psychology, Sociology and Health and Social Care. Within the department there are four Social Science specialists (two being part time, with one on maternity leave). Each member of staff has a school laptop and there are several ICT suites which can be booked by the department. There are many departmental resources available for teaching, including a range of different textbooks, and specialist DVDs covering a variety of topics. Psychology and Sociology students have been involved in activities from visiting a local court to listening to a guest lecturer on Neuropsychology and watching a dissection of a sheep’s brain. During the Covid-19 lockdown lessons were taught virtually following the school timetable using Microsoft Teams, with a mixture of independent student work and teacher led sessions.

**Psychology**

Psychology is a popular subject taught at Key Stage 5; consistently having three AS and three A level groups. The Psychology course we follow is the AQA specification (paper 3 topics are: Schizophrenia, Relationships and Addiction) and our results are always strong. A large number of our students opt to study Psychology and related courses at university. All groups have 4 scheduled lessons totaling four hours and forty minutes per week.

**Sociology**

We currently have one AS and two A level groups in Sociology. Many students go on to study Sociology, Criminology or a related subject at degree level. We offer the AQA Sociology specification (paper 2 topics are: Families & Households and Beliefs in Society) and each group has 4 scheduled lessons totaling four hours and forty minutes per week.

Accommodation consists of three teaching rooms, equipped with a variety of books, poster displays, two white boards and a ceiling-mounted projector.

**Health and Social Care**

Child Development and Health and Social Care is a well-established department at The Cotswold School at both KS4 and KS5 with an excellent record in results. The department offers Cambridge Technicals at level 2 and 3 very successfully. We have good links with the wider community with SK5 students accessing local work experience.

Accommodation consists of one dedicated Health and Social Care teaching classroom and one ICT suite.