## **MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL - BRACKLEY**

## **SOCIAL SCIENCES FACULTY**

## Overview

Social Science is an academic discipline concerned with society and the relationships among individuals within a society. Based at the historical St Johns site of MCS, the Social Sciences faculty covers a whole range of subjects including Business, Economics, Psychology, Sociology and Health and Social Care, predominantly teaching students from Year 9 onwards.

The social science team of teachers are passionate about delivering a high standard of education to all students of all abilities. We have high expectations and hope to inspire a love for learning within social science subjects, which will lead to great academic achievement and an understanding of the world beyond the classroom. We aim to develop knowledge and understanding of human behaviour, and the environment we live in. To foster the development of critical thinking, to inspire students to ask insightful questions and facilitate purposeful and sensitive discussions.

In Years 9, 10 & 11 students may begin their Social Science curriculum. In Business studies we explore real business issues and how businesses work whilst in Sociology, students gain knowledge and understanding of key social institutions and how and how they have an impact on behaviour. Across both disciplines, students will develop their ability to: Investigate facts and make deductions; Develop opinions and new ideas; Analyse and better understand the world we live in. We are extremely popular, with each subject offering 3 classes (90 students) in each group. Many of our students are meeting or exceeding their benchmarks.

In Years 12 & 13 there is a wider range of disciplines offered in the Social Sciences with Economics, Health & Social Care and Psychology joining Business and Sociology. Our Social Science subjects are wonderfully varied, preparing students for further study, work and positive contributions to society in future. The scope is broad, but these subjects are united by one thing: a focus on understanding the workings of human society. Our student uptake continues to increase year on year. We are the most popular faculty in the sixth form. A high percentage of our students continue with the subject/s into degree level. Our results are very good and in line or above expected benchmarks

Subject	Exam board	
Sociology GCSE	AQA	
Business Studies GCSE	Edexcel	
Psychology	AQA	
Sociology	AQA	
Economics	Edexcel	
Business Studies	Edexcel	
Health and Social Care	OCR Pearsons	