



# OLDFIELD SCHOOL

The Social Sciences Learning Area consists of Business Studies, Economics, Child Development, Health and Social Care, Sociology and Psychology as subjects that are taught at KS4 and/or KS5.

The Social Sciences Learning Area has been recently established and has been in place since September 2021. The growth of the school's sixth form over the last four years (from 30 to over 200 students) has resulted in a significant increase in the numbers of students who are studying the subjects in the learning area. Therefore, we have consolidated the Social Science subjects into a separate learning area with the appointment of a Leader of Learning for Social Sciences from September 2022. In addition to this, there are two other TLR posts within the faculty: Head of Business Studies and Economics, and Head of Psychology.

Nine specialist teachers teach the subjects in the learning area. In Business Studies, the Eduqas specifications are followed at GCSE and at A Level, with four GCSE groups and three A Level teaching groups across years 12 and 13. Economics learners follow the Edexcel specification with two groups across years 12 and 13. Child Development learners follow the OCR Cambridge Nationals specification and there are currently two groups across years 10 and 11. Health and Social Care learners follow the OCR Cambridge Technical specification with two small classes across years 12 and 13. Sociology learners follow the AQA specification at both GCSE and A Level and there are currently four GCSE and three A Level teaching groups across years 12 and 13. The Eduqas specification is taught at A Level in Psychology with seven A Level classes across Years 12 and 13.

A wide range of extra-curricular opportunities are available to learners at the school and the subjects in the Social Sciences learning area make a significant contribution to our enrichment programme. These include industry visits in Business Studies, involvement with the Bath Rotary Enterprise for aspiring year 9 students, a Psychology trip to Berlin, a trip to The Old Bailey and a crime conference that is an open opportunity for all our Sociology and Psychology students to attend.

The learning area is based in Penn House, a 19<sup>th</sup> Century Georgian Manor house that also houses our Sixth Form Centre. Teaching staff have use of a range of well equipped, recently refurbished teaching rooms, an IT suite and a staff work room. There is on-site parking next to Penn House available for staff who are based in the building.

High quality, engaging and dynamic teaching and learning is the foundation of the philosophy of teaching within this Learning Area. We are looking to recruit an exceptional member of staff to lead the Business Studies and Economics departments. You will be working alongside two or three other experienced teachers, who specialise in these subjects. This is an ideal position for those seeking to develop their managerial and teaching skills in a well-resourced, and supportive curriculum area. You will also benefit from having small class sizes in the Sixth Form that enable you to develop a strong rapport with your learners and to help them achieve their full potential. This is an opportunity to take a formative role in the development of this learning area at an exciting time in the development of the school and of the Sixth Form in particular.