



OLDFIELD SCHOOL

Head of Psychology (Health and Social Care, Child Development)

Psychology, Health and Social Care and Child Development are taught at GCSE and A Level. High quality, engaging and dynamic teaching and learning is the foundation of the philosophy of teaching in these subjects.

Child Development learners follow the OCR Cambridge Nationals specification and there are currently three 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. The AQA specification is taught at A Level in Psychology with six 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. For Business Studies and Economics, these include industry visits, a guest speaker from the Bank of England, and an Economics Festival in Bristol. For Psychology and Sociology, students are given the opportunity to go to the Bethlem Museum of the Mind, a trip to The Old Bailey, a visit to Shepton Mallet Prison, and a crime conference that is run by ex-offenders. For Health and Social Care, students enjoy visits from a range of medical professionals, including a cardiologist who can share their experiences of the world of work.

The Social Sciences learning area is based in our beautiful Penn House, a 19th Century Georgian Manor house that also houses our Sixth Form Centre. As part of the Oldfield sixth form, you will also benefit from having small class sizes (capped at 15) which will enable you to develop a strong rapport with your learners and to help them achieve their full potential. 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.