

Social Sciences – Key Stage 3

Intent

The Social Sciences curriculum incorporates aspects of Sociology, Psychology and Child Development this course is offered as a pre-option subject in Year 9. Social Sciences combines all aspects of human life, including: how people grow and develop physically, emotionally and mentally, individual differences and how groups of society function together. It also poses questions such as: Who commits more crime? When does a child's language develop? How does the media influence our behaviours? This course allows pupils to develop their knowledge, understanding and critical evaluation skills alongside developing their own sense of morality and views on the world.

Term	Year 9		
	Topic	Knowledge	Skills
Term 1	Socialisation	Nature vs nurture, feral children, stages of language development, stages of cognitive development, stages of play, gender and socialisation	Identify, describe and explain key topical concepts and theories, evaluate theories and concepts
Term 2	Crime	Social learning theory, reasons why crime occurs, ethnicity and crime, the role of agents of social control, Eysenck	Identify, describe and explain key topical concepts and theories, evaluate theories and concepts
Term	Health and appearance	Stages of weaning, nutritional needs of children and adults at different stages of development, eating disorders, the role of the media, societal impacts	Identify, describe and explain key topical concepts and theories, evaluate theories and concepts