
Social Science Department Information

The Post

We are looking for an outstanding teacher who shows the insight, and capacity to lead and develop a team of 7 social science specialists as our new Head of Department.

Social Sciences encompasses Psychology, Sociology, Politics, Health and Social Care, Child Development and Citizenship and Cambridge Pre-U.

Take-up is strong in our large and growing 6th form and healthy at GCSE. Citizenship is central to the KS3 curriculum and Pre U is part of our core in Year 12. Our students are lively, ambitious, and they want to learn and achieve.

The Department

At A-level the department offers Psychology (OCR), Sociology (AQA) Politics (AQA), Health and Social Care (Pearson/Edexcel). At GCSE we offer Sociology (AQA) and Child Development (AQA).

Social Science subjects are very popular across KS4 and KS5. We currently have a team of seven full-time social scientists, including a 2i/c, a Deputy Headteacher, a Director of Learning and a SCITT Lead. The current Head of Department has secured promotion to Head of Sixth Form. All teach at least two social science subjects. The department is also heavily involved in citizenship and Pre-U education across the school. We also begin our GCSE courses (Child Development and Sociology) in Year 9, and uptake of these subject is strong.

The department's record of achievement and attainment is strong. We understand the importance of innovative teaching and we are continually striving to develop students' learning.

We have a clear vision for the future and aim both to develop our current provision and expand into other social science areas. We are committed to inclusion and equity, excellent learning and teaching and the development of all our staff to become outstanding practitioners.

In short, this is a superb opportunity to lead a dynamic and successful department in a high-achieving, well-resourced school, which is committed to excellence for all students and staff.

Facilities and Resources

The department is located in a new, purpose built, suite of 4 classrooms. Each classroom has a digital projector and wireless internet access

The department is very well resourced in terms of textbooks and online resources. All Social Science students have dedicated textbooks for personal use, specifically written for the specifications being followed. There are also extensive resources and Internet access for students in the excellent Library/Resource Centre.

How to Apply

Full details and application forms for this post are available from the school website.

Applications by post should be marked '**Head of Social Science Application**' and should be returned to: **Mr R Higgins, MA, Headteacher, The Blue Coat School, Egerton Street, Oldham, OL1 3SQ.**

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure correct postage.

Or via email to: vacancies@blue-coat.org

Closing date for applications: **Monday 18th February, 9:00am**

Interview date: **Monday 25th February**
