

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION – SOCIOLOGY **TEACHER OF SOCIOLOGY**

We are looking for an exceptional teacher to join our excellent team of Social Sciences teachers. You may have a background in Sociology, Psychology or Criminology. We are advertising separately for each specialism and will appoint the best candidate from across those subjects to one full time post. The exact nature of the role will, therefore, depend on your experience and expertise.

The Sociology Department

Stratford upon Avon School's Sociology Department consistently ranks among our top-performing subjects at GCSE and A Level. The numbers of students taking GCSE and A Level Sociology continues to grow, reflecting the interest in the subject among our students and their high regard for the teaching of the subject at our school. You will, therefore, be joining a successful and growing team. The Department occupies modern, dedicated classrooms located next to each other in our own 'wing' on the first floor.

Sociology Team

The Sociology Department currently consists of four teachers – one of whom is literally 'award winning'! – and you would be joining us as the fifth. The Subject Leader is passionate about Sociology and dedicated to the continuous improvement of the subject, its curriculum, its teaching and its resources. They are ably supported by two other teachers with significant or exclusive deployment to Sociology, both holding whole-school leadership roles, and one further teacher who is also Subject Leader for Criminology and Psychology.

Humanities Faculty

The Sociology Department is part of the Humanities Faculty, led by a Faculty Leader. This includes the subjects of French, Geography, History, Spanish and SPHERE. It is likely to soon include GCSE Citizenship and A Level Politics. Being part of the Humanities Faculty offers opportunities you might not otherwise find, as well as the benefits of a large, varied and experienced team to support you wherever you are in your career.

Sociology Curriculum

You will find the Sociology curriculum, and all associated resources, to be comprehensively and expertly planned. You will be expected to play a key role in further developing this alongside the rest of the team.

We deliver a three-year Key Stage 4 curriculum following the AQA course and currently have 3 teaching groups in each of Years 9, 10 and 11. The Year 9 Scheme of Work provides a foundation year to develop sociological knowledge and skills including 'The Sociological Approach' and 'Sociological Research Methods'. In Year 10 we focus on 'The Sociology of Families' and 'The Sociology of Education' whilst, in Year 11, we study 'The Sociology of Crime and Deviance' and 'Social Stratification'.

At A Level we also follow the AQA course. There are 2 groups in each of Years 12 and 13, and Sociology is consistently at the top of the 'most popular' list of A Level subjects. In Year 12 we study, 'Families and Households', 'Education', and 'Sociological Research Methods'. In Year 13, students move on to 'Crime and Deviance', 'The Media', and 'Theories and Methods'.

Conclusion

We are looking to strengthen our team by employing an exceptional Sociology Teacher who has high standards, wants to be part of – and contribute to – a dedicated and hard-working team, and the drive to support our students whilst developing their own practice. This is an exciting opportunity for the right person to develop their career. I look forward to receiving your application.

Ben Moore, Subject Leader Sociology and SPHERE
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