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**The Social Sciences Department**

The Social Sciences Department at St. Michael’s is highly successful, the subjects offered are very popular and significant numbers go on to university to continue their studies of these subjects including Oxbridge. The department consists of 1 full-time and 3 part-time members of staff. Three members of the department have worked at the school for almost 20 years each, which gives an indication of the positive learning atmosphere of this school and department where teachers love their subject work with students who are eager to learn.

St. Michael’s is 4 Form Entry Voluntary Aided Grammar School for Girls with Boys in the Sixth Form

Total roll is currently 890 with 250 in the Sixth Form. The school has a focus on the wellbeing of staff.

The subjects offered by the Social Sciences Department are:

Psychology – 2 part-time members – teaches AQA Specification A (following options for Paper 3: Relationships, Schizophrenia and Forensic Psychology).

Politics – 1 part-time member – teaches Edexcel (with additional US Politics)

Economics – 1 full-time member – teaches Edexcel

The teachers of Social Sciences have a key role in contributing to all aspects of this department which, to be successful, depends on good teamwork. An example of the collaboration between the different disciplines is the annual joint Politics/Economics trip to Brussels.

A varied programme of events/trips is prepared for Social Sciences students, this includes online lectures from UEA on international relations and US politics. Guest speakers at the school in the past have been Mike Freer (local MP) and Shami Chakrabarti (leader of Liberty). There are also trips, recent examples include the GAIN investment workshop at JP Morgan and the consulting business workshop at Delta Capita.

The Department is moving to a brand new building opening summer 2025 with modern, state-of-the-art teaching rooms fully equipped with everything necessary to facilitate an excellent learning environment. The Social Science team also have their own office in the new building. Online learning platforms are fully utilised by members of the department: Google Classroom, Tutor2u and Uplearn. Subscriptions to subject-specific publications are encouraged amongst students and facilitated by the department, such as The Economist and Financial Times.

The person appointed will bring their own particular talents and interests, the successful candidate will be an excellent teacher who has a positive attitude to life and to the school’s ethos.

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