



What will Year 7 students learn and how many lessons will they have each week?

Many of the subjects delivered through the Social Sciences Faculty are offered as option subjects for GCSE and A Level studies and as such start from Year 9. All Year 9 students have discrete Citizenship lessons once a week.

What is Citizenship and what are some of the topics studied?

Studying Citizenship develops knowledge, skills and understanding that young people need to play a full part in society as active and responsible citizens. Students learn about politics, parliament and voting as well as human rights, justice, the Law and the economy.

There are no external examinations, however, students' progress will be assessed through a range of methods including presentations, structured debate and discussion and formal assessments.

What opportunities are there for further study and careers in Citizenship?

Students who go on to further study in Citizenship may explore a range of subjects at university or higher education such as Sociology, Politics, International Relations and Law. Possible careers include Teaching, Psychologist, Criminal Justice Officer, Researcher, Humanitarian Aid Officer, Solicitor as well as many others.

What is Child Development and what are some of the topics studied?

Students look at the physical, intellectual, social and emotional development of young children from conception to five years. They also consider the roles and responsibilities of parents, pregnancy, the needs of young children and the influences that affect family life.

Students are assessed through a combination of examinations and coursework.

What opportunities are there for further study and careers in Child Development?

Students continuing their studies in Child Development often go on to a range of subjects at university or higher education such as Child Development, Early Childhood Studies and Education. Possible careers include Teaching, Speech and Language Therapist, Children's Nurse and Community Development Worker, as well as many others.

What is Health and Social Care and what are some of the topics studied?

Health & Social Care is offered as a Level 2 (GCSE equivalent) and a Level 3 (A-Level equivalent) course. It covers the need to communicate effectively to provide high quality care, and the need to respect and understand service users.

In Years 9 - 11, students study values of care, effective communication, First Aid and creative activities. In Years 12-13, topics include Equality, Diversity & Rights, Anatomy & Physiology, Public Health, and Sociology for Health & Social Care. There is a strong focus on employability along with a high level of academic knowledge and application.

What opportunities are there for further study and careers in Health and Social Care?

Students who have studied Health & Social Care at Denbigh have gone on to degrees and careers in Nursing, Midwifery, Paramedic care, Teaching and the Police Service. It is a vocational course of equal weight and value to any other GCSE or A-level and has been developed with input from universities and employers so it has the added attraction of meeting their needs.

What is Psychology and what are some of the topics studied?

Psychology considers the mind and human behaviour and research is carried out to investigate the various influences on behaviour.

At Denbigh, our course looks at a variety of influences on behaviour such as our friends and family, our biology, where we live and even our past experiences. We also focus on specific behaviours such as criminality, mental illness, sleep disorders, and relationships and the factors that may influence these behaviours.

What opportunities are there for further study and careers in Psychology?

Students who study Psychology have gone on to a range of subjects at university or higher education such as Nursing, Criminology, Politics, Applied Psychology and Medicine. Possible careers include Teaching, Psychologist, Detective, Educational Consultant, Counsellor, Play Therapist as well as many others.

What is Sociology and what are some of the topics studied?

Sociology is a Social Science concerned with the study of society, human behaviour and relationships. It uses empirical investigation and critical analysis to understand social order and problems, and changes within society.

During GCSE Sociology, students will study a range of topics considering different institutions and their roles in society as well as the structure of society itself. At Denbigh, during our A-Level course students will study Families and Households, Education and methods, Mass Media, Crime & Deviance and Theory and Methods.

What opportunities are there for further study and careers in Sociology?

Students who study Sociology have gone on to explore a range of subjects at university or higher education such as Law, Criminology and Politics. Possible careers include Secondary School teacher, Social worker, Police Officer, Newspaper journalist and many more.