

Statement of Intent

Psychology

In Psychology we study a range of subjects such as memory, psychopathology, schizophrenia and attachment. Students who study this subject will gain a knowledge of the world and look differently at mental illness and abnormality. They will gain a knowledge of developmental psychology and topics such as aggression where all aspects will be explored. Discussion is necessary at Exmouth and students will work in small groups often to look at subjects from different angles and maybe present their findings to the rest of the class.

At Exmouth we have a 'library' of over 70 psychology books which explore all aspects of Psychology – what it is like to be a forensic psychologist, games people play, bizarre experiments and books to help with stress and anxiety. Students are expected to choose and read a book every half term at least and write book reports to expose them to more than the specification.

Sociology

Sociology is the only subject, which explores contemporary society. By studying Sociology, you gain crucial skills in problem solving and analysis. You will use evidence to formulate solutions for contemporary social problems such as poverty, crime and educational underachievement. The 21st century has proven to be a period of rapid social change, which Sociologists attempt to explain. The key transferable skills that Sociology provides, prepares students for a diverse range of careers. For example: careers in public services such as the police; community and youth work; human resources; education; marketing; business; counselling; politics and the charity sector.

At Exmouth we use the context of 'now' by linking Sociology on a weekly basis to current affairs. Students will be able to see the relevance of the subject every lesson and keep up to date with the news and current affairs.

Criminology

Criminology equips student with knowledge about the criminal justice system in England and Wales. The topics studied in Criminology such as the court system. Police investigative techniques and theories of crime will equip students with the necessary skills for careers in Law, Social Services, Academia, Schools, Youth Services and Charities. The topics are varied and interesting, and the course provides a credible alternative to A levels as the course is structured in modules.

This allows the teaching at ECC to be adapted for students from a wide variety of backgrounds, and students are able to prepare folders in advance with personalised feedback for Unit 1 - Campaigns for Change and Unit 3 - Crime Scene to Court Room.

Students will learn about crime in their local area, including looking at campaigns against crime in Devon and learn about crime statistics for Devon specifically. In addition, we will analyse local court cases and discuss if the form of punishment meets the aims of sentencing.

Criminology is a fantastic topic to get students interested in current events. Lessons are planned and adapted to take into account current court cases that are of interest to students and wider society. We have run successful trips to Exeter Magistrates and Crown Courts and hope to organise these trips again in the future. In addition, we have had professionals from the prison service discuss their experiences of the criminal justice system. With Criminology, we aim to enrich are students lives with knowledge and experience of the criminal justice system.

