Social Sciences at Erasmus Darwin Academy

Erasmus Darwin Academy is very proud of its Social Sciences provision. Both Psychology and Sociology are thriving and highly popular subjects, frequently attracting large numbers of A Level students. AS and A2 results are consistently higher than national and local averages and students report a high degree of satisfaction with the courses on offer and the teaching provision. Both subjects are very well resourced and the department prides itself on having a strong team spirit. We always share good practice and are continually devising new teaching resources and beneficial strategies to help our students reach their full potential. Supporting our students in their independent learning has been a big focus in the last two years. In 2011, Sociology and Psychology were praised by Ofsted for its excellent contribution to whole school citizenship provision.

Psychology at Erasmus Darwin Academy

The course we follow is AQA Specification B. PSYB1 content includes Gender Development, Bio-psychology and perspectives plus Descriptive statistics and research methods. The current options taught in PSYB2 are Social Influence, Memory and Anxiety Disorders. In PSYB3, the options taught are Moral Development, Schizophrenia and Stress. Inferential statistics forms a large part of PSYB4 as well as the key debates and a further analysis of the main perspectives in psychology.

There are currently two Year 13 groups and two Year 12 groups of mixed ability.

Sociology at Erasmus Darwin Academy

The course we follow is AQA. There is currently one Year 12 group and one Year 13 group. The current options taught in SCLY1 are Families and Households. The option in SCLY2 is Health with Research Methods. The option taken in SCLY3 is Beliefs. The main topic of study in SCLY4 is Crime and Deviance.

A large proportion of Sixth Form students at Erasmus Darwin Academy progress onto Social Sciences degrees at highly respected universities reflecting the high levels of academic achievement in both Psychology and Sociology.