

What subjects will I study? What will I be doing in my lessons? Frequently Asked Questions

Social Science—S.C.O.P.E



Hello and welcome to SCOPE. My name is Mrs Andrews and I am the Head of Faculty.

You are probably wondering what subject this is but it's not something completely new for secondary school. SCOPE is our name for the health, relationships, finance and personal education curriculum at Shoeburyness High School. You may have called it PSHE or PSE or even PSHEE at primary school.

You will have one SCOPE lesson every two weeks and the idea is that the SCOPE curriculum gives you an opportunity to explore issues, often difficult or sensitive ones such as bereavement and bullying, which you may have to face during life. We explore these through a range of teaching methods including discussion and consideration of personal experiences and opinions. We hope that by the time you leave year 11 you are aware of a whole range of issues that affect our lives – and are able to reflect on the impact your choices may have on other people – and also that you will be equipped to make a positive contribution to the wider community.

We encourage visits from outside speakers and groups to provide a range of perspectives on important issues. This year we have had visitors into year 7 from Southend Council's safety team to talk to students about keeping safe and who to contact if you are worried about someone you know or something happening in your community.

We use a range of different interactive activities during lessons including role play, group work, creative activities and games to give you an opportunity to learn about life outside school, to make informed choices and to know where to get accurate information (no fake news in my department!), advice and support when you need it.

S.C.O.P.E Team

We are part of a wider department called Social Science and there are 6 of us who work in that department. Let me introduce us:

- Mrs Allum – she's Head of Subject for Health and Social Care which is a subject you can pick in year 10.
- Mrs Treherne – she's Head of Subject for Sociology and Psychology; you'll have to wait until year 12 to study those.
- Miss Hall
- Mrs Croucher
- Mrs Bayliss

In addition, some of the PE teachers teach SCOPE so you may find your PE teacher is also your SCOPE teacher.

We are all looking forward to meeting you when the new school year begins.

Positive thoughts

There are so many things to feel excited about coming to Shoeburyness High School and we would love to hear about all the things you are looking forward to.

We would therefore like you to create a poster about this and email it in so we can share it with other year 6 pupils.

Please email your posters to me at KarenANDREWS@Shoeburyness.southend.sch.uk and we will share them on the website.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,

Mrs Andrews



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SCOPE/RESHAPE

The Education Act 1993 gives parents the right to withdraw their children from any or all parts of a school's programme of Sexual Health Education, other than those elements which are required by the National Curriculum Science Order.

Parents do not have to give reasons for such a decision, but we would invite them voluntarily to indicate their reasons for withdrawal, so that any misunderstandings about the nature of the Sexual Health Education provided by our school could be resolved.

Sexual Health Education is incorporated within SCOPE/RESHAPE and teaching approaches to the subject will be objective and balanced, as well as being sensitive to the ages and backgrounds of students.

Section 71 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, provides for the right of withdrawal from Religious Education. The use of the right to withdraw should be at the instigation of parents and it should be made clear whether it is from the whole of the subject or specific parts of it.