



Humanities Department

The Humanities department covers the teaching of Geography, Geology, History and Religion, Philosophy and Ethics and comprises of four teaching staff (1.5 x history, 1.5 x Geography, 1 x Geography/Geology, 1x RPE), each with a well-resourced, dedicated classroom that has an interactive board.

We have had good outcomes in recent exam series, and we are keen to build on this success. We have recently updated schemes of work, road maps, tracker sheets and teaching resources. The curriculum area is described further on the school website, but I would encourage you to visit us to see us in action. The successful applicant will join a committed, reflective, and happy team who enjoy working collaboratively to achieve the best outcomes for our students.

The Humanities department have seen successful uptake at GCSE in recent years and History and Geography remain popular subjects at GCSE and beyond. In 2022 we also introduced Geology as an option at GCSE. The department also offers a number of extra-curricular and curriculum trips, and it is hoped that the successful candidate can continue to raise the profile of the department.

In KS3 Geography we follow the National Curriculum, introducing students to key skills and knowledge needed to be citizens of the world. At KS3 students study human and physical geography, through both local studies and world geography. Topics include Geology, Coasts, Rainforests and China. Students will have the opportunity to apply their fieldwork skills through local studies and coastal visits (Borth). At KS4 we study AQA Geography: Living with the Human Environment, Challenges in the Human Environment and Geographical Applications. Students at KS4 complete two fieldwork studies in Birmingham and at Carding Mill Valley.

In KS3 History, students are introduced to a broad range of cultures and experiences, allowing them to take that knowledge and apply it to modern world events. The units include depth studies as well as change over time and introduce students to key historical events from pre-1066 to the modern world. In year 9 students have the opportunity to visit Belgium and the Battlefields of World War One as part of their modern world studies. At GCSE we study Edexcel: Medicine Through Time 1250-present, Henry VIII and his ministers 1509-40, Germany 1918-39 and the American West 1830-90. Students at GCSE are also offered the opportunity to visit Berlin in Year 11.