

Broughton High School

Teacher of Geography

Required for September 2017

This is an exciting opportunity for an ambitious and talented teacher to join a highly successful Humanities department.

The Humanities department aims to provide a climate which will enthuse and inspire students as well as developing the confidence and competency of all students in Geography, History and RE. We aim to challenge students to reach aspirational targets. Teachers within the department work well within a team to reach these goals. Drawing upon a wide range of teaching approaches, members of the department are encouraged to develop their own ideas, teaching styles and resources, all of which they share with their colleagues. Academic rigour and high expectations for all students underpin all decisions and approaches within the department.

Staff turnover is low within the department. However, due to an increase in numbers taking Humanities subjects at GCSE, we wish to appoint a teacher of Geography.

Currently, the department is staffed as follows:

Joanne Harris	Head of Humanities Department
Katherine Klunder	Head of History
Rachel Wortley	Head of Geography
Vicky Backhouse	Teacher of Humanities and RE
Mike Stockley	Teacher History
Helen Hardman	Teacher of Humanities and English
Kathryn Meakin	Head of PSHE, teacher of Humanities
Jackie Williams	Assistant Headteacher, teacher of Humanities and MFL

We pride ourselves on being a friendly and warm department who work well as a team, into which we look forward to welcoming a new member.

Standards and progress in Geography are significantly above national percentages. High standards have been achieved through consistent approaches to teaching and learning, effective monitoring and tracking of students and lots of hard work as well as very high standards of discipline. The Humanities Department is a strong team who support each other particularly well. Collaborations within and beyond the Department are a feature of life at Broughton. Sharing good practice is a key strength of the department

Facilities

The Humanities subjects are taught in seven, designated Humanities classrooms. Each classroom is well equipped with a computer and an Interactive white board. The school also has a suite of iPads that are available for use with classes. A broad range of interactive learning software is also used by the department. The provision of suitable resources is not a barrier to continued success.

HUMANITIES at Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 and 9)

In Year 7, students are taught History, Geography and RE within a Humanities curriculum. This is taught as an integrated programme of study, with subjects linked through driving questions and themes. The subjects are taught and assessed separately.

Each class has the same member of staff for all of their Humanities lessons – ensuring that students ‘feel known’ as they start life at secondary school and to aid the transition process. Year 7 Students have 5 hours of lessons a week.

In Year 8 and 9 subjects are taught separately by specialist staff on a carousel system. Humanities has a time allocation of 4 hours per week – students spend three weeks (12 hours) in each subject area four times over the course of the year.

Students are taught in ability groups in Years 8 and 9.

HUMANITIES at Key Stage 4

Students opting to take an examination course in Geography will follow the new AQA GCSE syllabus.

In February 2012, Broughton was judged as “outstanding in all areas” under the stringent, new Ofsted framework and is an excellent environment in which to work, learn and teach. The department is proud of our contribution to this whole school success and look forward to appointing an enthusiastic and innovative colleague, who will contribute fully to both the department and to the school as a whole.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the right candidate. You are most welcome to make an informal visit to the school and meet the department prior to applying; however, please do not feel under obligation to do so. Additionally, if you have any questions or would like to discuss the post further, please do not hesitate to contact:

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