

SUBJECT SPECIFIC INFORMATION TEACHER OF HISTORY

Background

Humanities is a thriving Curriculum Area within the school. It currently comprises Geography, History, Sociology, Psychology and Government and Politics. Each subject is currently taught as an independent subject within the school. As the Curriculum Area has become established, numbers have grown dramatically, to become one of the largest Curriculum Areas in the school. Geography and History offer classes from KS3 to KS5. Psychology and Sociology offer classes from KS4 to KS5. We also offer Government and Politics at KS5.

Curriculum Provision:

History

In Years 7 and 8, all classes are taught in set teaching groups, for four hours a fortnight.

KS4 — taught over three years for 5 hours a fortnight. We offer the Edexcel syllabus, and the units are Medicine in Britain, the American West, the Reigns of King Richard and KIng John, and Weimar and Nazi Germany. KS5—the Curriculum Area follows the Edexcel AS/A2 course. Year 12 study Russia in Revolution, and Britain 1625-1701. Year 13 complete coursework, and Civil Rights in the USA, 1850-2009

Staffing

Each subject within the Curriculum Area has a Teacher who is responsible for their subject. The leadership of the Curriculum Area is made up of a Head of Humanities (currently a Geography specialist), two Deputy Heads of Humanities who are also subject leaders. The remainder of the Humanities Team is made up of teachers with a wide range of experiences and responsibilities (including members of the senior leadership team and main scale teachers). There is a Curriculum Support Officer who works with Humanities on a wide range of tasks from administration, organisation of events and activities.

Extra Curricular

The Humanities Curriculum Area believe it is important to offer opportunities to consolidate and extend student's learning. Currently, there are a variety of extra curricular activities which we are or have been associated with including Model United Nations, World Challenge and BBC school report. There are a variety of trips at KS3, KS4 and KS5; both day and residential, national and international that are run. We also enter several national competitions annually.