

The Humanities department

The Humanities department is responsible for the delivery of Geography, History and Religious Studies in the academy.

At Key stage 4 (KS4) Geography, History and Religious Studies are offered and are popular choices for study up to GCSE level.

Exam specifications for KS4 include:

Eduqas A – Geography (1-9)
Edexcel – History (1-9)
Eduqas – Religious Studies

The department is well resourced with teaching materials, textbooks and audio-visual resources. Textbooks for all GCSE specifications taught in Humanities are available with a wide range of Key stage 3 texts to support all three subjects.

The Humanities Department consists of four full time members of staff; this includes a Head of Humanities and three teachers of Humanities with specialisms in Geography, History and Religious studies. All staff are open to new ideas, initiatives and work rigorously to promote the development of Humanities and the associated learning experiences for all students at the academy.

The development of teaching resources at KS3 is done collaboratively and the Departmental Meetings are used to provide INSET, offer suggestions/improvements and to share good practice. There is a rigorous system of assessment in place, which is used in current cumulative format to measure progress of all students studying Humanities.

Extra-curricular

The department offers a series of extra-curricular opportunities including visits:

- KS4 Geography fieldwork – Sefton coastline, North Wales
- KS4 –Quarry Bank mill
- KS3 – Norton priory/ Quarry Bank mill visit

Humanities is devoted to the wider development of student knowledge and experiences with promotion of major Humanities events such as Holocaust memorial week, Slavery and Fairtrade fortnight.