



Humanities Faculty (Geography and History)

Geography and History is currently a team of 8 staff led by a subject leader for each subject. Both subjects pride themselves upon establishing positive relationships with students throughout its teaching which are borne out in having purposeful, well-motivated classes and a strong uptake of Humanities subjects at Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5.

Curriculum

Key Stage Three

At Key Stage 3 pupils are taught in mixed ability groups. Pupils receive three lessons of both History and Geography in Key Stage 3 per fortnight.

Key Stage Four

At the end of Key Stage 3 pupils continue into Key Stage 4 where a high % students go on to study both subjects. The three year key stage allows History and Geography to deliver the course specifications in Years 10 and 11, which builds upon a skills enhancing curriculum for Year 9.

Post-16

Post-16 both subjects follow the AQA course respectively.

Organisation and Staffing

Both subjects share a common methodology and contribute to the whole range of academic skills, and as might be expected each subject area has a slightly different emphasis. In History students become aware of our rich heritage and receive the formal training, which allows them to understand and develop an interest in all aspects of the past. Geographers learn that not only does the physical world influence the way we live but that our living also has an impact on the physical world, which is fundamental to us all.

Both subjects seek to stimulate enthusiasm and to that end trips and visits are seen as a fundamental part of the work of the Faculty. Fieldwork visits across the Key Stages, historical and cultural European trips are all established features.

Resources

Both subjects are well-equipped and resourced with access to suites of networked PCs. All classrooms have projectors available and all teachers receive a laptop computer.