

The Humanities Faculty

The Humanities Faculty is, quite simply, a great team of forward thinking, professional and dedicated people.

We are a diverse group, ranging from teachers with over twenty years' experience to NQTs just making their way into the profession. Many of us teach across the Humanities subjects, working collaboratively and regularly sharing resources and outstanding practice. But what binds us together is a strong commitment to the students and each other, in addition to the real passion for the subjects which we teach. Whether it's wildfires in Australia, the fascination of the Demographic Transition Model, the Russian Revolution, or the philosophies of Kant and Nietzsche that get you going, it really doesn't matter. If you love learning, enjoy working with young, inquisitive, hard-working students and are seeking to thrive alongside committed and supportive colleagues, then this is the place for you.



The facilities and opportunities are great too. All our dedicated classrooms are furnished with learning walls and projectors. We also love to learn outside the classroom. Over the past few years, Humanities students have been moved and amazed by the wonder of Rome, by poignant experiences on the Belgian Battlefields, and have been thrilled by the twin delights of New York City and Washington DC!

RE holds a valued place within our curriculum. There is an established team of subject specialists within RE, and, due to the fact that all students take full course GCSE RE and numbers at A Level are buoyant, we are looking to expand the team further. RE is taught throughout Key Stages 3 and 4 as a discrete subject; at Key Stage 3 all world religions are covered and the GCSE course focuses on Christianity and Buddhism. The A Level Philosophy and Ethics course attracts significant student interest and results at all levels continue to be outstanding, with 86% of 2018 GCSE students gaining grades 9-4.

Career development for staff new to the Faculty is excellent. Colleagues who have shown aptitude and passion have been quickly promoted to posts as wide-ranging as Head of Faculty, Head of Year, Pupil Premium coordinator and VAT coordinator. We never stop learning or sharing ideas and resources, as a teamwork is integral to the success of our faculty.



Pete Jennings
Head of Faculty

Vital Statistics

Faculty Members

8 full time (including a Head of Geography, Head of History and Head of RE) and 6 part time; part-time admin assistant.

Facilities

8 specialist classrooms and a Faculty staff workroom. iPads and ICT rooms can be booked for individual class use. The school library is in close proximity and is an excellent resource.

GCSE

In Geography and RE we study the new AQA courses; in History, Edexcel. Students must study Geography or History and RE at Key Stage 4. Pass rates in all three subjects are significantly above the national average.

A-Level

We follow the AQA course in Geography, OCR course in History and the WJEC EDUQAS course in Religious Studies. Numbers are buoyant and results are historically strong.

Enrichment

Extra-curricular activity is an essential part of RE across all key stages. Visits to places of worship for various year groups are commonplace and the department has previously organized residential visits to Rome and Assisi. The department organizes enrichment activities such as Holocaust Awareness Day and the Year 8 'Meet the Faiths' workshop. We also have a very active Sixth Form, with students running a popular Philosophy and Ethics Society.