**THE HUMANITIES AREA**

***Background***

* The Humanities Curriculum Area comprises the History, Geography, Religion, Philosophy and Ethics and the Classics departments.
* Although Humanities subjects are taught separately, we share a commitment to similar aims and seek to exploit the natural links between our subjects. We therefore have an area-wide approach to assessment and share many common teaching methods and strategies.
* The A Level courses offered by the Humanities Curriculum Area are Classical Civilisation, Geography, Geology, Government and Politics, History, Latin, Philosophy, and RS We also offer a Level 3 courses in Travel and Tourism.
* The area is managed by a collegiate team of the Area Co-ordinator for Humanities, the Head of History, the Head of Geography and the Head of RE.

***Staffing***

* 26 teaching staff, all with relevant subject specialisms.
* Several Humanities staff hold positions of responsibility within the school in addition to their roles within the area.
* Administrative support from a Humanities technician.
* Academic results in the area have been consistently outstanding.
* We are committed to maintaining these high standards and developing teaching and learning excellence.

***Accommodation and Resources***

* A large suite of classrooms in the main school and dedicated Humanities classrooms in the sixth form block.
* Classrooms in main school have interactive whiteboards
* Two classrooms have networked desktops for student use and there are laptops and iPads available for booking for lesson use.
* Each full-time staff member has their own laptop computer.
* High standard of display in Humanities corridor and rooms.
* Humanities staff office.

***Curriculum***

* History, Geography and Religion, Philosophy and Ethics are delivered to all students in year 7-8 as discrete subjects. History and Geography are studied in three one-hour lessons per fortnightly cycle. Religion, Philosophy and Ethics is delivered in two lessons - one per week - in the cycle. From September 2020 all students will have three periods of History and Geography in Year 9.
* Latin is available as an afterschool club in Year 8. Students who attend this club have the option of studying Latin at GCSE from year 9.
* All students from years 9-11 take a full GCSE Religious Studies course, following a 3-year programme.
* Most students opt in Year 9 to continue to study History and/or Geography
* A Levels in Classical Civilisation, Geography, Geology, Government and Politics, History, Latin, Philosophy and RS are offered to Sixth Form students. From September 2020 Travel and Tourism will also be delivered through the Geography and Business departments.