

HUMANITIES FACULTY

At present the faculty consists of six full-time qualified teachers. We currently have a Geography and History specialist with the ability to teach Key Stage 3 to Key Stage 5, whom also takes responsibility for Baysgarth's Sixth Form and is the Lead teacher for SMSC. The current Head of Humanities is a History Teacher, with the additional responsibility of teaching History and Archaeology at A-Level. We have two Geography Specialists one of which is a Head of House. We have two further History teachers, again one of which is a Head of House. The faculty has recently expanded as a result of attracting increasing numbers of pupils at KS4. First, and foremost, we are looking for a colleague with a passion for teaching and has a good teaching record, but also be flexible and willing to teach at KS3 and KS4. As our numbers have expanded within Geography, we would be looking to appoint a colleague with a background in either Religious Education or Geography.

Significant strides forward have recently been made in terms of improving results within the faculty. We are a new team and have recently moved to a new area within the school. Our vision is to 'Inspire and Engage' every student that we teach. This is clearly showing an impact with the recent Year 9 and Sixth Form interest surveys. Culture and Ethical Studies is currently an area undergoing wholesale redevelopment by the recently appointed Head of Faculty. There is still significant room for further improvement within the team for someone to 'make their mark' in terms of boosting pupil uptake further, adding to schemes of work, developing a programme of field visits and maintaining the passion of the students for Humanities within the school. The faculty itself has interactive whiteboards in each room with a networked computer. The faculty is also well resourced with artefacts, Geographic instruments, audio-visual resources, new textbooks and consumables.

At KS3 & 4, we follow agreed schemes of work. Key leaders write these, incorporating suggested starters, main activities, plenaries and assessment and homework opportunities. There are also resource folders containing appropriate PDF, Word and PowerPoint documents to support teaching and learning that accompany these schemes of work. It is up to individual staff to tailor and differentiate these according to the needs of their pupils. We meet regularly on a Monday evening as a faculty as per the school calendar. At KS3 all pupils are timetabled with five Humanities lessons per week. They experience a mixture of History, Geography, Culture and Ethical Studies. Humanities subjects are increasingly popular at Baysgarth. At KS4 pupils have three lessons per week per subject. This year we started a 3 year KS4 starting in Year 9, however we have extended GCSE assessment practices from Year 7-11.