

HUMANITIES FACULTY

The Humanities faculty is widely respected as one of the strongest in the school. We have a stable staff who work as a close-knit group for the benefit of our students. At present the faculty consists of six full-time qualified teachers:

- the Head of Department is a Geography specialist;
- we also have one of the schools Lead Teachers, who specialises in both Geography and History and takes specific responsibility for the PSHE and SMSC programme;
- we have an additional two Geography specialists, one of which is an Assistant Head Teacher;
- we have two other History specialists, one of which is a Head of House.

Baysgarth School delivers a two-year KS3 and a three-year KS4 curriculum, with students taking their options in Year 8 and starting their GCSE courses in Year 9. At KS3, every student receives two hours of History and two hours of Geography teaching every week, and one hour of Culture and Ethics teaching. SMSC and PSHE are delivered through our ICE (Identity, Culture and Ethics) programme, which consists of 15 two-hour blocks spread out every two to three weeks across the year. This programme is delivered across the school at the same time so all teaching staff are involved.

Students have to choose between History or Geography at KS4, so within the faculty we teach virtually every child in the school all the way from Year 7 to Year 11. Option subjects are given three hours of teaching per week over three years, and this generous allocation of curriculum time is designed to achieve outstanding outcomes for our students. All staff in the faculty teach KS3 and KS4 and classes throughout the school are taught mixed ability.

The Edexcel syllabus is used for History and Eduqas for Geography. Geography Progress 8 scores for 2018 were +0.2 and History -0.5.

The faculty is known for providing students with a wide range of extracurricular activities, particularly trips and visits. The faculty is also known for its collaborative working, empowering of staff and sharing best practice.

We are looking for an outstanding teacher committed to making this faculty the most successful in the school. We want students to enjoy and look forward to their Humanities lessons and we want the faculty to be recognised for the creativity and passion that they bring to lessons. We want our results to be the envy of every other team in the school and we want large numbers of our students opting for our subjects at A Level and beyond.