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Welcome to Humanities (Geography)



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General Overview

The Humanities Department is comprised of the subject disciplines of Geography, History and Religious Education. The experienced staff have a fantastic reputation among students for dynamic lessons, challenging learning and stimulating Discussions.

Aims

The aim of Humanities is to encourage students to gain and develop knowledge, conceptual understanding, research skills, analytical and interpretive skills, and communication skills, contributing to the development of the student as a whole. Humanities aims to encourage students to respect and understand the world around them, and to provide a skills base to facilitate further study. This is achieved through the study of individuals, societies and environments in a wide context: historical, contemporary, geographical, political, social, economic, religious, technological and cultural.

Our Curriculum

In Geography, learning deepens and students continue to investigate a wide range of people, places and environments. They start to learn about the geographical patterns and processes and the political, economic, social and environmental factors affecting people and places.

They also learn about the interdependence between places and environments and carry out geographical enquiry inside and outside the classroom. They may ask Geographical questions such as, “How and why is this landscape changing?”, “What is the impact of the changes?” And “How do different people feel about this?”

Students collect and analyse statistical evidence to answer such questions and are encouraged to develop a personal opinion. They also use a wide range of Geographical skills and resources, such as maps, satellite images and ICT to answer questions.

Our GCSE

- The Challenge of Natural Hazards
- Physical Landscapes in the UK
- The Living World
- Geographical Applications
- The Challenge of Resource Management
- Urban Issues and Challenges
- The Changing Economic World



We give students time to study in depth, the challenging topics and embed their learning for the GCSE Course from Year 7

Exam Board: AQA

Specification: Geography 8035

Examination: Paper 1 – 1 hour 30 minutes (35%) Paper 2 – 1 hour 30 minutes (35%) Paper 3 – 1 hour 15 minutes (30%)

Trips & Activities

- Year 7 Humanities visit to Chichester to practice fieldwork and enquiry skills
- GCSE Geography residential trip to Iceland (Feb 2025)
- Year 10 GCSE Geography fieldwork in Brighton
- Links to specific events such as Fair-trade fortnight, plastic pollution and Climate change.
- Eco-schools Club- Friday Lunchtime, M3 Mr Masson
- Geography Film Club- Friday Lunchtime, M7 Mrs James
- On-site Sustainability Investigation- Year 8



Staff

Mrs R James BA (Hons) MA (Ed) - Curriculum Leader of Humanities and Teacher of Geography

Mr T Masson BA (Hons) - Teacher of Geography

Mr M Burns BSc (Hons) - Teacher of History & RE

Mrs McGarry BA (Hons) - Leader of History

Mr Harper - BA (Hons) - Leader of RE

Mrs Twinn- BA (Hons)- Teacher Of RE & Geography