

Welcome to the Humanities Department.

The Humanities subjects are about understanding the world in which we live and therefore we believe that they play a central role in the school.

We have a strong dedicated team made up of 3 Geographers and 4 Historians, who are all passionate about their subjects.

Mr Lockley (Head of Humanities)

Miss Grinnell (Second in Department and Teacher in Charge of History)

Key Stage Three (Years 7, 8 and 9)

When pupils arrive they will receive one hour a week of Geography and one hour a week of History. Pupils are taught in their mixed ability tutor groups throughout Year 7.

In Year 8 and Year 9 pupils are taught in one of six classes and set in to top, middle or lower set. Pupils receive three hours a fortnight of Geography and three hours a fortnight of History.

Key Stage Four (Years 10 and 11)

Both subjects are option subjects at GCSE and have a high uptake of pupils. Pupils are taught in mixed ability groups for the two years.

In Year 10 pupils receive two hours a week of their option subject and this increases to five hours a fortnight in Year 11

Exam Specifications:

The Geography department currently follows AQA A specification at GCSE

The History department currently follows the Edexcel Modern World A Specification at GCSE.

Accommodation and Resources

The Humanities department is made up of 4 rooms (two Geography and two History) and all are equipped with interactive whiteboards. Two of the classrooms also contain a set of laptops for use within the department. A-level lessons are taught in the Sixth Form building.

The Humanities department have a wide range of resources for pupils to access and we work closely with the library to give pupils the best access to information to support their learning.

Extra-Curricular Activity and Trips:

This is an area that the department are very enthusiastic about. We believe that pupils' learning should extend beyond the four walls of our classrooms and we endeavour to provide students with these opportunities. There are a number of trips and opportunities open to pupils in different years, including:

Geography:

Year 7: Ranworth Broad

Year 8: Gressenhall – Homes and habitats

Year 9: Coastal processes a study of Overstand

Year 10: Residential trip to Osmington Bay (Dorset)

Year 12/13: London Docklands regeneration study, Winterton-on-sea study and a residential trip to Iceland

History:

Year 8: Binham Priory.

Year 9: Ypres Battlefields (with our German partner school)

Year 10: The Home Front Impact Day, including a talk from someone who lived through the war.

Year 12: An opportunity to visit the UEA and experience lectures from History professors.

Pupils also have the opportunity to join the Archaeology club, where they are given the opportunity to handle real artefacts and go on their own "digs."

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