

Humanities Faculty – Mrs K Lewis– Leader of Learning and Teaching

Subjects: History, Geography, Business Studies, Sociology and Economics

The Humanities Faculty is comprised of nine teachers, three specialist teachers in Geography, three in History and two in Business Studies and Economics. It is a very forward thinking and successful faculty; we are proud of our team ethic and collaborative approach and work closely with pupils to achieve excellent results, building on our previous best performance. Teachers are expected to be able to teach more than one of the humanities subjects, beyond their subject of expertise.

➤ HISTORY

Areas studied at Key Stage 3

Year 7: What is History? The Medieval Realms. Native Peoples of North America
Year 8: The Renaissance, The Making of the UK 1500-1750, Transatlantic Slavery
Year 9: The Twentieth Century World. An in depth study on the Holocaust.

Year 9 pupils have the opportunity to participate in a First World War Battlefields Trip in October of each year.

Key Stage 4 - AQA

- USA 1920-1973
- Korea and Vietnam
- Normans
- Health and the People

History is a popular subject which excites and encourages pupils to reflect on the past and to learn from those events.

Those who decide to study GCSE History enjoy their learning and achieve excellent success relative to their ability and have the opportunity to participate in a trip to Berlin and Krakow in March of each year.

GCSE results at 9-4		
2020	2021	2022
92%	81%	95%

Key Stage 5 - AQA

- Consolidation of the Tudor dynasty 1485 - 1547
- England: turmoil and triumph 1547 - 1603
- NEA – Civil Right in the USA 1865 – onwards
- Germany 1918-1945

A Level results	
Year	Average grade
2022	B+
2021	B+
2020	B-

➤ GEOGRAPHY

Areas studied at Key Stage 3

Year 7: Intro, map skills, the UK, weather and climate, Africa (including Kenya)
Year 8: Tectonic hazards, population, urbanisation, Asia (China & India), rivers & flooding, coasts
Year 9: Development and globalisation, Russia, Glaciers, the Middle East, GCSE

Key Stage 4 - AQA Syllabus A

GCSE Geography is a very popular option choice with pupils achieving very good results relative to their ability. Within the AQA course we study the following topics:

Physical Geography

- Challenge of Natural Hazards
- Living World - cold environment option
- Coastal Zone and River Landscapes in the UK

Human Geography

- Changing Economic World
- Challenge of Resource Management – water option
- Urban Issues and Challenges

GCSE Results 9-4		
2020	2021	2022
91.3%	94%	91%

Key Stage 5

Component 1: Physical geography

Section A: Water and Carbon Cycles

Section B: Glacial Landscapes

Section C: Hazards

Component 2: Human geography

Section A: Global systems and global governance

Section B: Changing places

Section C: Contemporary urban environments

A Level Results	
Year	Average grade
2022	C+
2021	B+
2020	B

➤ BUSINESS STUDIES

Business at Key Stage 4 GCSE - Edexcel

Pupils of all abilities choose to study Business Studies at GCSE. We currently have two groups in both Years 10 and 11.

In Year 10 pupils will study units which focus on small business and enterprise skills. In Year 11 pupils study units which focus on large businesses and strategy. Both of these units will be assessed in exams at the end of Year 11. Pupils sit 2 exams that are each 2 hours long. Pupils also have the opportunity to enter into the 'Young Enterprise Challenge' as part of a team in Year 10.

GCSE results 9-4		
2020	2021	2022
86%	89%	84%

Business at Key Stage 5 A-Level - Edexcel

This is the fifth year of teaching Business Studies at A Level. Numbers continue to grow in the subject at this level and is a very popular choice. Pupils sit three 2-hour exams.

Topics studied are:

- **Theme 1** - Marketing and people
- **Theme 2** - Managing business activities
- **Theme 3** - Business decisions and strategy
- **Theme 4** - Global business

A Level results	
Year	Average grade
2022	C+
2021	B+
2020	B-

SOCIOLOGY - Key Stage 5 AQA (not offered at GCSE)

Sociology is a popular A Level option which encourages students to question the society around us and challenges their ability to analyse and evaluate sociological research and theories. We follow the AQA specification.

Topics studied are:

Year one – Families and Households, Education with Research Methods
Year two – The Media, Crime & Deviance and Sociological Theory.

A Level results	
Year	Average grade
2022	B+
2021	B
2020	B-

ECONOMICS – Key Stage 5 A-Level - Edexcel (Not offered at GCSE)

Economics is a very popular choice at A level. Pupils sit three 2-hour exams.

Topics studied are:

- **Microeconomics:** Individuals, firms, markets and market failure
- **Macroeconomics:** The national and international economy

A Level results	
Year	Average grade
2022	C+
2021	B
2020	B-