

FACULTY DETAILS: HUMANITIES

The Humanities Faculty is comprised of five departments each with its own unique focus and identity but with a strong and united team ethos.

GEOGRAPHY

Geography is a popular subject at Redhill and attracts a large number of pupils and students at GCSE and A Level. The department currently comprises five subject specialists and all classrooms benefit from projectors and interactive whiteboards.

We have a dynamic learning journey that engages pupils of all abilities and interest areas, and prepares them well for study at GCSE and beyond. The Geography department has built a wide and varied range of resources and teaching materials to help support pupil progress, as well as to enable enquiry based learning.

Both A-Level and GCSE courses incorporate a fieldwork element and this is seen as an integral part of students' learning experience outside of the classroom.

Geography is becoming a strong department and has the potential to go on to be outstanding in the future; this opportunity comes at an exciting time and the successful candidate will be influential in this process.

HISTORY

The subject area is consistently rated as outstanding and is an important part of the Humanities faculty and wider curriculum offering at Redhill, where pupil attainment and progress at all key stages is first-rate.

The success of the department means that uptake at GCSE is consistently high, with most years seeing four or five classes opting into the subject, and often two classes at both AS and A2.

The History team consists of a diverse range of staff holding a variety of responsibilities within school including colleagues who have been teaching a few years and those with decades of experience. Schemes of work are established for all year groups and are routinely evaluated and improved.

The department is situated within the Humanities faculty, and each classroom offers access to interactive whiteboards, visualizers, data projectors and a range of other ICT and teaching materials. The faculty benefits from a large workroom and again this offers access to ICT facilities and workspace for lesson preparation and marking.





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PHILOSOPHY, RELIGION AND ETHICS

The Philosophy, Religion and Ethics department is a valued part of an 'outstanding' school and one that is dedicated to the promotion and development of high standards of teaching and learning. The department is very popular with students of all ages with a strong uptake at both GCSE and A Level. P.R.E. is a crucial part of the Humanities curriculum but with its own purpose and identity.

The department aims to promote student interest, enthusiasm and enjoyment of the subject and through this, academically challenge students as far as possible. We aim to encourage knowledge of the context of religion and belief in modern Britain, open mindedness, critical thinking and respect of other people's opinions, beliefs and traditions. The department seeks the development of informed opinions supported by reasoned arguments.

Currently there is a team of five specialists each contributing excellent enthusiasm for the subject. The department is a friendly and supportive team that share ideas and has an ambitious vision for continued success; it operates very much according to a 'team ethic', with ample scope for developing individual talents and creativity.

Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students have a one hour 'Core PRE' lesson every week. Year 10 are entered for the AQA short-course qualification. PRE is also an option choice with some students choosing to study the for the AQA full-course qualification until the end of Year 11. The department has a long history of achieving excellent full-course results and retention rates for A-level.





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SOCIOLOGY A-LEVEL

Sociology is a very popular option choice for our A-level students often with two classes in both Year 12 and 13. The department is staffed by subject specialists with a great deal of experience and with other leadership roles. The team has a history of excellent examination results and high-quality teaching and learning. Students benefit from an enthusiastic, creative approach to lessons and from a wide range of original revision resources.

POLITICS A-LEVEL

Politics is a growing department with one class in both Year 12 and 13. It benefits from having a dedicated subject leader with an ambitious vision for development. Students have recently welcomed guest speakers such as our local MP and former MP, contributing towards a high level of student engagement. This is an exciting time for the Politics department and the successful candidate would have the opportunity to oversee and contribute towards its continued development.

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