



Hall Park
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Humanities at Hall Park Academy

The successful candidate will join a thriving and welcoming Humanities faculty of 8 specialist teachers across History, Geography, and Religious Studies. The Head of Humanities leads the faculty, and manages both the Head of Geography and Head of History, who are responsible for curriculum delivery in their own subjects

The faculty currently has a high uptake at GCSE and A Level, with student engagement and aspiration at its centre. Students enjoy learning in the Humanities faculty. Progress is consistently strong and continues to improve further. As a member of the Redhill Academy Trust, the faculty benefits from the support of Trust Directors for History and Geography, access to vibrant subject networks for all subjects, and high-quality CPD.

History

In History at Key Stage 3, our students study an engaging and varied range of topics which begin pre 1066 and conclude with a study of 1960's America.

Over the years, students will study a range of skills, including the use of sources, interpretations and core essay writing skills in analysis and judgement. Historical themes are used to underpin all lessons and anchor the development of skills to prepare them for the GCSE course.

At Key Stage 4, we follow Edexcel History in common with all History departments in the Redhill Trust. Student results have been historically strong at GCSE, with a high uptake of option classes, and we are expecting further uplift in achievement over the upcoming cohorts. Key Stage 5 History is consistently a popular choice for A Level students, with strong academic outcomes. Our Sixth Form students thrive on good relationships with staff, and independent, skills-based learning.

Within the History Department, we have a clear ethos of both academic and interactive learning which has resulted in memorable trips for our students, including Warwick Castle (Year 7), Black Country Living Museum (Year 8), and Thackray Medical Museum (Year 9 and 10). Further to this, we also have faculty-led residential each year to Poland and Belgium.

Politics

We teach Edexcel A Level Politics, and this is a popular and growing option within our Sixth Form. Our students benefit from direct experience of Politics by visiting parliament and local government sites, as well as corresponding with politicians directly. This course combines skills from several curriculum areas, including political





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history and geo-politics, and provides successful students with a good understanding of British and American politics.

Geography

At Key Stage 3 we have a dynamic programme of study that engages pupils of all abilities and interest areas and prepares them well for their continuing studies at Key Stage 4 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.

At GCSE level Geography is a popular option and our students' achievement regularly exceeds national average.

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. A Level students currently study both coasts and regenerating places on a four-day visit to Scarborough and the Holderness coast, whilst GCSE students investigate inequality across Nottingham and river profiling in Derbyshire. The department is keen for Key Stage 3 students to experience fieldwork opportunities which include a visit to Castleton in the Peak District as well as a day trip to Bridlington and Flamborough Head.

Religious Studies

Religious Studies is taught for one hour per week over the full academic year from Y7 to Y10 with all students entered for the AQA Short Course GCSE qualification in Y10. The curriculum is led by the Head of Humanities, with teachers from across the different Humanities subjects delivering the lessons.

At Key Stage 3, our students study an engaging and varied range of topics, including beliefs and practices of major world religions, applied ethics and enquiry-based study into the experience of people of faith in Britain today. At Key Stage 4 we teach Christianity and Islam, alongside the themes of War and Relationships.

