

Humanities at Maidenhill – September 2021

This is an exciting opportunity for a history teacher to work as part of a small and cohesive humanities department. You will be a specialist history teacher in a team with two others, and will work collaboratively in the humanities team to provide the very best educational experience for all students. You will be passionate about your subject and humanities in general. You will be a tutor to a vertical tutor group and you will also be able and willing to teach a small amount of Learning for Life, which is our PSHE programme.

The humanities department consists of seven specialist teachers who have a passion for developing teaching and learning, and staff enjoy sharing good practice regarding curriculum and pedagogy. Our religious studies and history results are very strong and our geography results improved again this summer. The team works closely together and is united in its mission to improve outcomes for students, year on year. The team have worked recently on extended writing and embedding oracy, thus contributing to our whole school drive to improve literacy and oracy. The team has also been developing strategies to challenge the most able and to ensure students respond to feedback.

In Key Stage 4 students opt to take humanities subjects and can follow all three (geography, history and RS) if they wish. The option groups are taught in mixed ability groups. Students currently follow the Eduqas courses in geography, history and RS. The number of students opting to take humanities subjects has increased significantly in recent years, with many students opting to take more than one.

There is a strong culture of continuous professional development at Maidenhill and this is reflected within the humanities department. Humanities colleagues contribute to and share good practice at our whole school twilight teaching and learning CPD sessions. The team has most recently led on the whole school implementation of knowledge organisers for students in order to contribute to the drive to create resilient and self-reflective learners.

In January 2014 a £3.8 million building refurbishment project was completed at Maidenhill and our humanities department is now grouped together above the new library and learning hub. The teacher appointed will have their own classroom where they will teach most of their lessons. All classrooms have benefitted from new furniture in addition to the new windows, blinds etc. The classrooms have extensive display boards that are used to support learning and celebrate students' achievements, in addition to corridor displays. Humanities classrooms are located closely together facilitating close collaboration and sharing of good practice.

We encourage learning outside the classroom both in terms of after school opportunities and also visits. Recent visits have included visits to Gloucester cathedral and mosque, a history visit to Berlin, a local history tour and geography field visits locally and to Pembrokeshire.

This post has become available due to maternity leave.

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