

## Teacher of Religious Studies and Humanities

### The Structure of the Humanities Department at Brimsham Green School

The Humanities Department currently includes the following subject areas:

- Geography
- History
- Religious Studies
- Business Studies
- Sociology

**The current leadership structure within Humanities is as follows:**

- 1) **Head of Humanities Department (Mr Matt Valentine)** – Responsible for: Leadership of teaching and learning, management of the department, monitoring and accountability of student progress throughout KS3, KS4 and KS5, across all subjects within the department.
- 2) **Second in Humanities, responsible for KS3 (Miss Jade Clarke)** – Responsible for: Leadership and development of provision for Key Stage 3 Humanities (integrated Humanities in Year 7 & 8; Geography, History and Religious Studies at Year 9); teaching and learning; monitoring and accountability of student progress.

The departments of Geography, History, Religious Studies and Business Studies work closely together, and have a collaborative approach to teaching and learning. In Years 7 and 8 we teach a combined Humanities course that consists of History, Geography and Religious Studies units on a termly rotation. Each member of the team, therefore, teaches outside their subject specialism for part of the two-year course. In Year 9 students are taught by subject specialists in preparation for GCSE. Although Key Stage 3 units are constantly under review, there is a clear and supportive structure, particularly for new members of staff.

### The Religious Studies Curriculum

This post will include a significant amount of GCSE Religious Studies teaching, therefore a willingness and ability to deliver this is essential, and for a suitably experienced candidate, there will be the opportunity to teach A-Level Sociology.

At GCSE students follow the AQA Religious Studies Qualification:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/religious-studies/gcse/religious-studies-a-8062/specification-at-a-glance>

### Facilities and Resources

The Humanities Department has eight permanent teaching rooms and a department office. The department has interactive whiteboards in every classroom and bookable IT rooms are available across the school. Additionally, the department has a strong working relationship with our school's Study Centre which offers a modern, multi-purpose learning environment, this facility is available to book and provides a wide range of resources to support learning in Humanities at all Key Stages.

## Teacher of Religious Studies Post

The post is for a full-time, permanent contract.

Religious Studies is a popular curriculum area and uptake is high at KS4 and Post 16. At Post 16, A-Level courses are delivered across our collaborative Sixth Form, Cotswold Edge. This collaboration is between Brimsham Green School, Chipping Sodbury School and Yate Academy. Collaborative working relationships with the Humanities departments in the collaboration are very strong and supportive.

This post is of vital importance to the school and the work of the Humanities department. We seek an enthusiastic and committed teacher to deliver a timetable with a strong emphasis on Key Stage 3 and 4.

## Applying for the post

Applications should be made by **9:00 a.m. on Monday 5 June 2023**, using the School's application form. **Additionally, a formal letter addressed to the Headteacher should be included.** Within the letter applicants should focus on the following areas providing examples where appropriate:

1. **How you have successfully challenged and supported students of varying abilities to make good progress.**
2. **How you have successfully supported disadvantaged students to make good progress.**
3. **Your confidence and competence teaching Humanities subjects outside of your specialism.**

*Kim Garland*  
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