



## **CHELMER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL**

### **HUMANITIES AREA**

The Humanities Area includes the following subjects:

- Geography
- History
- Religion, Philosophy and Ethics (RPE)
- Sociology

#### **Key Stage 3**

Years 7, 8 and 9 pupils study Geography, History and RPE as discrete subjects. For each they have a subject-specialist teacher. The only exception to this is that in Year 7 the bottom two ability sets are taught Humanities as a single subject.

In Years 7, 8 and 9 pupils have three Geography lessons and three History lessons per fortnight. In Years 7 and 8 pupils have two RPE lessons per fortnight, but this increases to three lessons in Year 9.

#### **Key Stage 4**

At KS4 students may choose to study Geography, Philosophy and Ethics or History at GCSE level, all of which are popular option choices. Pupils have five lessons per fortnight and the GCSEs are taught over two years (Years 10 and 11). RE/Philosophy and Ethics is not compulsory at GCSE. Results are of a consistently high standard and shows improvement year-on-year.

#### **Key Stage 5**

The Humanities Area currently delivers A Level courses in Geography, History, Sociology and Philosophy. These A level subjects are well respected and reliably produce good outcomes.

#### **General information about the Area**

The Humanities Area benefits greatly from having a suite of seven large classrooms, and a dedicated Sixth Form room. Classrooms are located around a central open area, which is equipped with 17 computers. All offer a high standard of accommodation and the classrooms benefit from interactive whiteboards, visualisers and are fully resourced with the necessary stationary.

There is a Humanities Office and large stock room which provides a spacious and friendly working environment for staff. We pride ourselves on our collaborative approach to maintaining a stimulating and attractive learning environment. Teamwork is an important feature of the Area.

The Humanities Area provides a comprehensive enrichment programme including many educational visits. In recent years residential trips include Iceland, Berlin, Southwold and an annual trip to the Peak District, whilst day trips include Walton-on-the-Naze, Ypres, Whitechapel and the local village church in Broomfield.