



The De Montfort School

Geography at The De Montfort School

Thank you for your interest in the position of Geography Teacher at The De Montfort School.

Humanities at TDMS is delivered by a committed team of specialists in dedicated teaching rooms. The faculty delivers a wide range of subjects; namely Geography, History and Philosophy up to, and including, Advanced Level. In addition, we also deliver Criminology and Sociology at Advanced Level.

We aim to develop and foster a strong curiosity and understanding of the world around us, with a focus on high levels of engagement, enjoyment and progress.

Our Faculty Vision

1. Humanities achieves the best results possible for all students.
2. Our students are enthusiastic and motivated, inspired by dynamic teachers that are prepared to take risks and try new approaches to Teaching and Learning.
3. The highest standards of behaviour and expectations of success are found in Humanities lessons, built upon positive relationships between students and teachers.
4. Students talk enthusiastically about humanities subjects outside of lessons.
5. Students are aware of their strengths and weaknesses and know how to move their learning forwards.
6. Recruitment onto our Humanities GCSE and Advanced Level courses is strong.
7. The faculty is well organised, resourced and led, with all colleagues making positive contributions that are valued, maintaining a collegiate spirit.
8. The environment is stimulating.

The Humanities Faculty consists of a number of full and part-time teaching staff. All our teachers are experienced graduates. Advanced Level and GCSE Humanities are predominantly taught by teachers working within their specialism. Key Stage 2 Humanities is largely delivered by our dedicated Year 6 Team, whilst Key Stage 3 teaching is also predominantly done by subject specialists.

Accommodation for Humanities lessons is very good with the vast majority of lessons being delivered in the Humanities teaching block.

Key Stage 3 Geography (Years 7-8)

Students have one lesson of Geography each week and are taught a curriculum that is based on the students acquiring both fundamental skills and a wider knowledge of the geographical world. This course is designed to form the foundation for students to prepare them for progress to GCSE Geography. We also emphasise the importance of citizenship and the role that the humanities, including geography, can play in developing good citizens of the future.

Key Stage 4 Geography (Years 9-11)

Our students follow the AQA 8035 specification. This comprises 3 distinct units: Living with the Physical Environment; Challenges in the Human Environment and Geographical Applications. Students have three lessons per fortnight in Years 9-11. Students are encouraged to travel the world from the classroom, exploring case studies in the United Kingdom (UK), newly emerging economies (NEEs) and lower income countries (LICs). Topics of study include climate change, poverty, deprivation, global shifts in economic power and the challenge of sustainable resource use. Students are also encouraged to understand their role in society. Results and recruitment in the subject are improving and there is the potential for the successful candidate to have a huge impact in taking this success further.

Advanced Level Geography

We offer AQA Advanced Level Geography. There are three component units which are taken over the course: Physical Geography; Human Geography and a Geographical Investigation. The Physical Unit looks at coastal systems and landscapes, natural hazards and water and carbon cycles. The Human Unit focuses on contemporary urban environments, changing places and global systems and governance. The course is designed to offer a broad and balanced experience that will prepare students for further study or the wider world of work. Many TDMS students stay at our Sixth Form and we pride ourselves on establishing a supportive relationship with all our Sixth Form students.