



BEECHEN CLIFF

The Humanities Faculty

The Humanities Faculty currently consists of four popular and thriving subjects at Beechen Cliff – History, Geography and RPE (Religion, Philosophy and Ethics) are taught at KS3, GCSE and A' Level. Politics is also taught at A' Level. The popularity of all these subjects is driven by committed and inspirational teachers who set high standards of pupils across all the ability ranges. GCSE and A level uptake is very high with strong outcomes and progress results achieved. There are currently 12 teachers within the Faculty.

All Humanities lessons are taught in a dedicated Humanities building (called the Pavilion) with large classrooms and excellent facilities. Well cared for room and corridor displays help add to a defined ethos. All rooms are fitted with projectors, screens and whiteboards with web access and offer superb views across Bath for good measure! Sixth Form lessons are predominately taught in subject dedicated rooms in the Sixth Form Centre. Staff share an office which is a supportive and productive space. Each subject is well resourced.

The Faculty uses ICT extensively to produce and deliver lessons. There is an 'electronic' footprint of lessons and topic plans on PowerPoint or Google Slides for History, Geography and RPE. There is also a fully planned and resourced scheme of learning for the Politics A Level. Homework and revision material is made available online via Google Classroom. It is essential that the post holder is confident with or able to learn new ICT skills.

As a faculty we carry high numbers at GCSE and A' Level. Pupil engagement with lessons is high and staff work from well sequenced topic plans and lessons. These are well resourced with various levels of scaffold to facilitate the progress of all pupils. Lessons have clear learning outcomes which are built around key themes within the curriculum. This allows pupils to develop their knowledge and understanding.

The successful candidate will be required to teach History across the ability range at KS3, GCSE and A' Level. On occasion they may be required to teach another Humanities subject at KS3. There may also be the opportunity to teach Politics at A' Level.

All members of the Faculty contribute fully to the broader life of the school and lead or deliver a range of experiences and visits for pupils. The post holder will be expected to contribute either to existing opportunities or by bringing something new to enrich pupils' time at Beechen Cliff.

The History Curriculum

KS3 History

In Years 7 to 9, pupils have 3 History lessons per fortnight and cover the following topics;

Year 7: What is History?; Norman Conquest and consolidation; Medieval Life; Early Female rulers; Islamic Empire c. 750-1750; Early Tudors

Year 8: Later Tudors ; Stuarts & Civil War & Protectorate ; Birth of British Democracy; Enslavement; British Empire; Civil Rights movement

Year 9: World War One ; The Interwar Years ; Nazism, The Holocaust and World War Two ; the Cold War ; Post-war Britain - changing social history ; The War on Terror.

KS4 History

At KS4 pupils have 5 History lessons per fortnight. Pupils follow the AQA GCSE syllabus and study these 4 modules;

- Conflict in Asia, 1950-75: The Korean War and the Vietnam War
- America 1920-73: Opportunity and inequality
- Health and the people c1000 to present day
- Elizabethan England 1558-1603

KS5 History

At KS5 students have 8 History lessons per fortnight shared between 2 teachers. One teacher teaches the Tudors 1485-1603 module and one teacher teaches the Cold War 1945-91 module. Students have almost complete freedom of choice of subject matter for their Independent Enquiry [also known as coursework or NEA]. Students follow the AQA A' Level syllabus.

The Politics Curriculum

KS5 Politics

At KS5 students have 8 History lessons per fortnight shared between 2 teachers.

The course is divided into the three distinct parts to reflect the exams they will sit at the end of year 13. Students have two teachers, each being a subject specialist on one side of the course for the UK, and content matter is split for the US course. Students follow the Edexcel A' Level syllabus.

Examination Results in History and Politics are strong. Results from the last few years are available on our website: <https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/about/examination-results/>