

Synopsis of Humanities Area

The Humanities department at The Bemrose School is one of the most vibrant areas within the School. We currently have nine full-time members of staff and three part time members of staff. The department is very forward thinking and is often at the forefront of whole school initiatives.

Within the Humanities faculty at Bemrose, we aim to deliver a diverse curriculum which inspires our pupils to question the world in which they live and their place within it, in the past, present and future. The curriculum we have designed aims to expose students to as many places, cultures, and histories in the world to broaden their understanding of it whilst also appreciating the multicultural society in which they live.

The Humanities faculty at Bemrose incorporates the subjects of History, Geography and Religious Education from Year 7 through to Year 11. Additionally, pupils can also, study Sociology at Key Stage 4 and 5. At Key Stage 3 pupils study history and geography for 3 hours a fortnight; whilst studying RE for 2 hours per fortnight. At Key Stage 4 students have 2 lessons of RE per fortnight in Year 10 and 3 lessons of RE per fortnight in Year 11.

'Outcomes in Humanities are improving. 2024 RE outcomes were the strongest to date with significant developments on the curriculum contributing to this. There is clear emphasis on challenging all pupils to be the best they can be, and students have a respect and admiration of the subjects they take; RE included. Staff work together to develop strategies to boost student attainment within each Humanities subject.

The Humanities department is extremely well resourced. We have spent a considerable amount of time as a department developing the curriculum to ensure that the schemes of learning are clear. In addition, there is a clear structure to lessons which is bespoke to each Humanities subject. All schemes of learning include high challenge, high expectations, recall and skills to develop pupils across all key stages. Every teacher within the department currently has their own laptop and we are lucky enough to be based in the new 'Oaktree' building where we have the fantastic interactive screens in every classroom.