

## Humanities learning area subject information

The Humanities Learning Area comprises of the subjects Business Studies, Geography, Government and Politics History Psychology, Religious Education and Sociology. The learning area is suited together within the new school building and is equipped with a full range of high quality resources to draw from and state of the art clever-touch fully interactive whiteboards.

The subject area of Religious Education currently consists of a team of three full time experienced RE teachers. The post advertised is a result of an increased demand by students for humanities courses at both Key stage 4 and 5.

Students are taught in mixed ability groups across all key stages. We have detailed schemes of work in place for all year groups that are reviewed each academic year. These include a variety of resources, including up to date text books.

### Religious Education

RE is taught throughout all key stages.

Key stage three have one hour a week and cover the Hertfordshire agreed syllabus learning. They study all six main world religions through years 7-9.

All students take full course GCSE RE which as of this year is Edexcel Religious studies B (1RB)

We also teach OCR philosophy and ethics at A level and currently have large groups in both year 12 and 13

### Geography

Geography is taught throughout Key stage three with students having 3 lessons over a two week period covering topics such as globalisation, energy and environmental hazards.

Geography is taught at GCSE using OCR geography B. There are currently four GCSE groups in year 10 and two in year 11.

A level geography follows the Edexcel specification

### History

History is taught throughout Key stage three with students having 3 lessons over a two week period covering topics such as world wars one and two, medieval life and the civil war

History is taught at GCSE using the Edexcel specification covering topics such as medicine through time, the cold war, Elizabeth the first and Vietnam. There are currently three GCSE groups in both year 10 and year 11.

A level history follows the OCR specification

### Psychology

Psychology is one of the most popular subject options at Key stage five. They currently follow the AQA specification which covers topics such as memory and aggression using research and scientific methods.

### Sociology

Sociology is also a popular choice at A level. Students cover the AQA specification studying topics such as socialisation and family, crime and deviance and mass media.

### Government and politics

Politics a new course at KLS and is taught at KS5 using the EdExcel board. The year 12s are on the old specification (probably US politics in A2) but next year's year 12 will be using the new one. The course has grown quickly to be one of the larger A-levels in the school. Students have 9 lessons every fortnight with a wide range of abilities. We are using a flipped classroom approach with students submitting learning logs every week to show what they have learned. Lessons focus on debates, revision and exam technique.

### Business studies

Business studies is taught at GCSE and A level

Examination Board is AQA for GCSE and A-Level

The GCSE course is the New GCSE starting in September - GCSE Business (8132)

The A-Level course is A-Level Business (7131, 7132)

Teaching will include a range of topics from Finance, Human Resources, Operations and Marketing. There will also be a focus on new examination technique which will need to be taught to students.