

Subject: Humanities/History/RE **Subject lead:** Mr J Williams

What is provided at KS3 and/or at KS4

At Key stage 3 students study Humanities covering the subject areas of History, Geography and R.E in accordance with the National Curriculum.

During year 9 the students study the new GCSE AQA Geography course (8035).

At Year 10 and 11 the students complete a full GCSE AQA History course (9140).

Why do we teach this subject?

A high-quality history education will help pupils gain a coherent knowledge and understanding of Britain's past and that of the wider world. It should inspire pupils' curiosity to know more about the past. Teaching should equip pupils to ask perceptive questions, think critically, weigh evidence, sift arguments, and develop perspective and judgement. History helps pupils to understand the complexity of people's lives, the process of change, the diversity of societies and relationships between different groups, as well as their own identity and the challenges of their time. Aims The national curriculum for history aims to ensure that

A high-quality geography education should inspire in pupils a curiosity and fascination about the world and its people that will remain with them for the rest of their lives. Teaching should equip pupils with knowledge about diverse places, people, resources and natural and human environments, together with a deep understanding of the Earth's key physical and human processes. As pupils progress, their growing knowledge about the world should help them to deepen their understanding of the interaction between physical and human processes, and of the formation and use of landscapes and environments. Geographical knowledge, understanding and skills provide the frameworks and approaches that explain how the Earth's features at different scales are shaped, interconnected and change over time.

At Key stage 3 student study the subject of R.E. This subject provides an opportunity for students to engage with a variety of topical questions around belief, values, meaning, purpose and truth. Within R.E students will be able to reflect on and develop their own values, beliefs and attitudes in light of what they have learnt. There will be a range of relevant and contemporary themes to study that will promote awareness of modern-world issues and engagement within the classroom.

What do pupils gain from it/how do they benefit?

The humanities help us understand others through their languages, histories and cultures. They foster social justice and equality. They reveal how people have tried to make moral, spiritual and intellectual sense of the world. The humanities teach empathy. They teach us to deal critically and logically with subjective, complex, imperfect information. They teach us to weigh evidence skeptically and consider more than one side of every question. Humanities students build skills in writing and critical reading.

The humanities encourage us to think creatively. They teach us to reason about being human and to ask questions about our world. The humanities develop informed and critical citizens. Without the humanities, democracy could not flourish.

Any statutory requirements?