

## WELCOME TO OUR HUMANITIES FACULTY

Thank you for your interest in our vacancy for a:

- Teacher of History
- Teacher of Sociology
- Teacher of Psychology/Criminology
- Teacher of PSHE/Citizenship

### Contextual

This is a unique opportunity to join a thriving Humanities Faculty in a lovely, successful school. We currently have 20 teachers delivering a range of subjects. Leadership is provided by a Humanities Curriculum Leader as well as Subject Leaders for History, Geography, Sociology & SPHERE (our acronym for PSHE & RE), Criminology & Psychology and MFL.

The successful candidate would ideally have the ability to teach 2 of the following subjects:

- History (KS3,3 & 5)
- Sociology (KS4 & 5)
- Citizenship (KS4)
- Government and Politics (KS5)
- SPHERE (KS3 & 4)
- Criminology (KS5)
- Psychology (KS5)
- Law (KS5)

The Humanities Faculty includes a variety of different subject specialists, so we can accommodate applicants from different subject backgrounds as there is some flexibility in terms of what prospective candidates might be timetabled to teach. The following will give you an indication of the content of our curriculum:

**History:** Edexcel GCSE course & OCR A Level

Crime and Punishment, Elizabethan England, American West and Weimar/Nazi Germany. At A-level we offer OCR we teach King Alfred, The Cold War in Asia, Witchcraze and Popular Culture, with flexibility in coursework topics. In Year 8 we study 20<sup>th</sup> century topics with a focus on building up key skills such as interpretation, change and continuity, source skills etc. In Year 7 we are part of the Humanities course with history focusing on an overview of Medieval, Early Modern and Industrial History, looking at changes to power, individuals and impacts on the wider world.

**Sociology:** AQA GCSE and A-Level

Options at A-level are families and Households, The Media. A popular and expanding option subject.

**Citizenship:** AQA GCSE.

Recently added as a new GCSE option and growing in popularity.

**Politics:** Edexcel A-Level (new for 2024)

**SPHERE:** Follows PHSE curriculum (part of Humanities in Y7) 2 lessons per fortnight Y8-11

Includes Social, Political, Health, Economic and Religious Education

Includes LORIC skills (PIXL) and a half termly focus on Equalities.

**Criminology:** WJEC/EDUQAS – Level 3 Applied Diploma (same currency as a traditional A-level and is Graded on a scale of A\*-E carrying the same UCAS points as any other A-level)

Content taught in Year 12 plays to the strengths of respective teaching staff e.g. physiological and psychological theories (psychology/science teachers), sociological theories (sociology teachers), and content taught in Year 13 has a strong forensic and legal focus (currently delivered by psychology/science teachers). Students are entered for the Certificate at the end of Year 12 having completed the Unit 1 Controlled Assessment (Internal) towards the end of Spring term and Unit 2 Exam (External) in May. In Year 13, students sit the Unit 3 Controlled Assessment (Internal) during the middle of Spring term and Unit 4 Exam (External) in June, leading to the full Diploma.

**Psychology:** AQA A-level.

Content taught in Year 12 is sequenced to lay the core foundations of psychology as a science (as classified by Ofqual since 2008). We begin with Paper 2 Approaches in psychology (including Biopsychology) and Research methods. The mathematical requirements of the specification are highlighted throughout. We then switch to the Paper 1 topics.

In Year 13, we start with Issues and debates in psychology, followed by completion of the Additional approaches in psychology, Advanced biopsychology, and Comparison of approaches from Paper 2. We currently deliver the following Paper 3 Options: Relationships, Schizophrenia, and Addiction (all based on annual student voting).

We finish the course with coverage of advanced research methods where students have the opportunity to gain practical experience of scientific processes and techniques of data handling and analysis, and reporting psychological investigations.

**Law:** OCR AS-level.

This is offered as part of our Enrichment programme. Students study for two years, on a reduced timetable allocation compared to a full A-level, with exams sat at the end of Year 13.

**Extra-Curricular**

The school offers a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities, and any new member of staff would be most welcome to take part in the existing extra-curricular provision or offer other opportunities for students. There are a number of visits and residential trips offered by the Humanities faculty, and the successful candidate would be expected to contribute to the running of some of these.

The role within the Humanities team is one which we hope will also give the successful candidate the chance to progress their own career and development, and we look forward to appointing someone who will play a leading role in the Faculty and School.

We look forward to receiving your application.

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