

WELCOME TO OUR HUMANITIES FACULTY

Thank you for your interest in our vacancy for a Teacher of SPHERE/Religious Studies (SPHERE= Social, Political, Health, Economic & Religious education)

Contextual

This is a unique opportunity to join a thriving Humanities Faculty in a lovely, successful school. We currently have 23 teachers delivering a range of subjects within the faculty. Leadership is provided by a Humanities Curriculum Leader as well as Subject Leaders for History, Geography, Social Sciences and MFL. The advertised post has been created to allow further development of the SPHERE curriculum and to lead the implementation of a new Religious Studies GCSE course for first examinations in 2029 (we will begin teaching this course to Year 9 in September 2026).

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

- Religious Studies (KS4)
- SPHERE (KS3 & 4)

Current arrangements for teaching SPHERE:

Follows the PHSE curriculum (and forms part of Humanities in Y7)

Students have 2 lessons per fortnight in years 8-11

Includes Social, Political, Health, Economic and Religious Education

Includes a half termly focus on Equalities.

PSHE in KS5 is delivered via our RISE curriculum and managed by Sixth Form Team.

Religious Studies: We are yet to decide which GCSE Religious Studies specification to follow, and the successful candidate would play a key part in this decision-making process. Religious Studies has not been taught at SUAS in recent years, so this is a great opportunity for the successful candidate to develop a new curriculum and have a key role in shaping it.

The Facilities

There are currently 18 dedicated Humanities classrooms. All classrooms have a projector or interactive screen and audio facilities. In addition, it is possible to book computer rooms as needed. We occupy 2 'resource bases' where staff have access to quiet working areas, and other resources.

Curriculum

All lessons are 1 hour long and there are 5 in a day.

Humanities is delivered as a combined subject for 8 periods per fortnight in Year 7, incorporating Geography, History and SPHERE.

In Year 8, students have 2 SPHERE lessons per fortnight. We run a 2-year KS3 model with students selecting options prior to the start of Year 9.

GCSE Options subjects are allocated 3 lessons per fortnight in Year 9 and 4 lessons per fortnight in Years 10 and 11 after a further Options process at the end of Year 9.

At A Level, students take 3 subjects from the start of Year 12. In Humanities, we currently offer Geography, History, Government & Politics and Sociology.

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.

Carolyn Stacey Curriculum Leader – Humanities. January 2026