



# Humanities Faculty



The Faculty of Humanities is a newly formed department amalgamating History, Geography, Religious Studies and Politics September 2007. We are a successful faculty which values students' progress and achievements on all levels.

Humanities have been at the heart of the school and its life. Whether it has been RS organising Holocaust Immersion days or History with its World War One trench day or Geography and its field trips.

The faculty organises a variety of visits and recently Geography took a group of students to Iceland and History went to Dublin with Y12 students. History also organises a trip to Berlin at Easter. RS regularly has trips to Philosophy conferences and organises residential revision trips.

## Religious Studies

Religious Studies is a very popular subject throughout all Key Stages. Students are encouraged to think for themselves with an analytical and open mind, using reason, evidence and argument to back up their own ideas. Our overall aim is to develop independent thinkers through an exploration of religious, spiritual and philosophical topics or issues. The Religious Studies department also aims to cater for the needs of all students at all levels and planning is aimed at being as personalised as possible.

Ultimately we endeavour to enable students to think for themselves and teaching should provide an inspirational basis to engender this outcome. Hopefully students leave a Religious Studies lesson feeling uplifted and inspired to delve further into pertinent issues.

### KS3

At Key Stage 3 we follow the SACRE locally agreed syllabus and cover a range of topics covering most of the world religions. In Y7 as well as specific religions we also cover areas such as worship and the environment. At Y8 we supplement the syllabus by focusing on prejudice as a topic and in Y9 we cover the Holocaust and the existence of God.

### KS4

At GCSE we follow the AQA syllabus and cover the areas of Christian ethics and Islamic ethics

### KS5

For AS/A2 level we follow Edexcel and cover Philosophy of Religion and Ethics

