At Key Stage 3, students are taught combined Humanities in Years 7 and 8 with students getting a mixture of topics from Geography, History and Religious Studies. Students are taught seven hours of Humanities lessons a fortnight in Year 7, and six hours a fortnight in Year 8.

In Year 9, students study Geography, History and Religious Studies as discrete subjects, to help them make more informed decisions for their GCSE options.

For the 2019 – 2020 academic year, students will be studying the following topics:

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| Subject | Topic | No. of lessons | Assessment |
| Geography | Introduction to Geography | 11 | Humanities baseline test |
| History | Introduction to History | 11 |
| Religious studies | Introduction to RS | 11 |
| Geography | How have settlements changed over time? | 15 | Design your own settlement |
| History | Norman Conquests and castles (1066 -1485) | 15 | Essay: Why did William win? |
| Religious Studies | Buddhism | 15 | Exam |
| Geography | Weather and climate | 12 | Assessed as part of the end of year exam |
| History | Life in Medieval Britain | 12 |
| Religious studies | Animal rights | 13 |

**Year 7** (Students have one humanities teacher)

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| Subject | Topic | No. of lessons | Assessment |
| Geography | Are there too many people on the planet? | 12 | Exam |
| History | Making of the UK (1485 – 1707) | 16 | Essay: Why did Henry change the Church? |
| Religious studies | Sikhism | 12 | Exam |
| Geography | How are we threatening our planet? | 8 | Essay: Is climate change the greatest environmental threat we face? |
| History | Age of Empires and revolutions | 16 | Assessed as part of the end of year exam |
| Geography | How does water shape the land | 12 |
| Geography | Hinduism | 15 |

**Year 8** (Students may have several different humanities teachers)

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| Subject | Topic | No. of lessons | Assessment |
| Geography | How dangerous is our planet? | 12 | Essay: Why are some earthquakes worse than others? |
| Why are some places richer than others? | 12 | Essay |
| Cold environments. | 8 | n/a |
| History | Industrial Revolution (1707 – 1900) | 12 | Source based paper |
| 20th Century World and Holocaust | 20 | essay |
| Religious studies | Judaism | 15 | Exam |
| Hinduism | 15 | Assessed as part of the end of year exam |

**Year 9** (Students have 3 separate teachers, each specialising in the subject being delivered)