



WALTHAMSTOW SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Humanities Faculty Information

Mission Statement

The Humanities Faculty aims to foster an understanding of human attitudes and values, past and present, as well as an understanding of how society is organised, develops and changes. We endeavour to equip students with knowledge and skills so that they can become informed citizens of the future.

Approaches to learning

There is a strong culture of teamwork across the humanities faculty and staff have worked closely to develop the curriculum we offer. There is an emphasis on the use of enquiry to promote critical thinking, with project-based learning also being strongly encouraged to develop greater independence. There are also a range of educational visits and other out of class learning opportunities spaced throughout the year to supplement the work done in class.

Curriculum

At KS3 there are three subjects taught within the humanities faculty: Geography, History and Religious Studies. Each of these is taught as a discreet discipline by a subject specialist. Our curriculum in Geography and History is tightly focused on the requirements of the National Curriculum, whilst Religious Education lessons are guided by the locally agreed syllabus. There is a strong commitment to mixed-ability teaching across both KS3 and KS4 and we support student learning and progress by working closely with the Learning Language and Development Faculty and the LSAs who support our lessons.

At KS4, students can opt to study GCSEs in Geography, History and Religion, Philosophy and Ethics. All three options have been very popular over the past few years and many students decide to study multiple humanities. All students across years 10 and 11 also follow the statutory religious education course regardless of whether or not they have opted to study this as a GCSE.

Resources

The Humanities Faculty consists of eight specialists. We have five dedicated teaching rooms, each fitted with a large interactive LCD screen. Within the faculty area there are also two ICT suites which are primarily used as spaces for teaching humanities lessons. There is an excellent range of teaching resources including textbooks, media, fieldwork equipment and religious and historical artefacts. SoW and lessons are planned collaboratively and shared across the faculty through our dedicated online platform for ease of delivery.

Structure of the Faculty

The Head of Humanities is also the Head of Geography, supported by two Deputy Heads of Faculty, themselves responsible for the History and Religious Studies curriculum. The remainder of the staff comprises of an Assistant Head, two Student Progress Leaders and two main pay scale teachers.

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"Our unity is our strength,
and our diversity is our power."
Kamala Harris