



History / RE Department Information

The department requires a committed and enthusiastic teacher to teach History and RE History at Key Stage 3 and History at Key Stage 4.

The History and RE departments sit alongside Geography in the Humanities faculty, under the leadership of the Head of Humanities who is also the Head of History. There are currently three full time and four-part time teachers of RE and History.

The successful candidate will enjoy teaching RE and History in a supportive and well-resourced department and must be prepared to contribute fully to departmental developments. This includes creating differentiated GCSE history lesson and revision resources. Continue amending KS3 History schemes of work to comply with new Ofsted inspection framework, continue to implementing the new KS3 SACRE Cornwall Agreed syllabus for RE. Improving literacy, decreasing the DAP and gender gap and essentially inspiring pupils through their love of the subject.

The current curriculum is designed to inspire and engage, laying the foundations on which KS4 knowledge and skills will be built. In keeping with the topical and dynamic nature of the subject we continually seek to adapt and create new material. History and RE is taught in blocks across years 7 and 8 and as separate subjects in year 9; with tops sets starting the full course RE GCSE in year 9. Department classrooms have SMART boards and all students have iPads.

In Year 7 topics include: What is History and Medieval England (History), What are the Big Questions in Christianity? (RE), The Reformation (History), Who was the Buddha and what did he teach? (RE), Elizabeth's problems (History), How can people express the spiritual through the arts? (RE), Migration and Settlement (History)

In Year 8 topics include: Why do Christians believe Jesus was God on Earth and what was so radical about him? (RE), The Industrial Revolution (History), How are Sikh teachings on equality and service put into practice today? (RE), Empire and Slave Trade (History), What is good and challenging about being a Muslim teenager? (RE), World War One (history).

In Year 9 History topics include: World War Two and the Holocaust, The Cold War with a case study of Vietnam and Civil Rights in America. Students then start the GCSE course at Easter by studying Medieval and Renaissance medicine. In Year 9 RE topics include: Why don't Hindus want to be reincarnated and what do they do about it and two GCSE topics on Crime and Punishment and Human Rights and Social Justice.

At GCSE History is a popular subject option. We study the Edexcel specification and the topics are: Medicine in Britain 1250 - present for the Thematic Study, Early Elizabethan England 1558-1588 as the British Depth Study, The American West 1835-1895 as the Period Study and Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918-39 as the Modern Depth Study. Results are good and most pupils achieve at, or above, their predicted grades. In 2019 75.7% of the cohort gained a 4+ with 32.7% achieving a 7+ and at the top end 9.3% gained a grade 9. The cohort was 107 students. However, we are currently focussing on the progress made by our lower attaining students. Several members of the department are exam markers for Edexcel. There is also a well-established and popular international trip to Germany for Year 10 and 11.

At GCSE RE is also a popular option. Students have the choice of topping up their compulsory RE in order to take the full GCSE exam. The RE department follow the AQA exam board and have chosen Hinduism and Christianity as their religions. Results again are very strong, especially with the top sets that complete the course in year 9 and 10. In 2019 year 85.2% of the whole cohort gained a 4+ and 53% gained a 7+ and 7% achieved a grade 9. The cohort was 115 students. Additionally, 50 students took the fast track GCSE in year 10 with 100% gaining a 5+, 78% gaining a 7+ and 26% achieved a grade 9. The head of RE is a subject leader for AQA exam marking. The other member of the department is also a Head of House.



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We look forward to welcoming a new member staff who can develop and share innovative ideas in a successful and enthusiastic department.

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