



Humanities

Humanities teaches students about the world we live in and why it is the way it is, through three subjects: History, Geography and Religious Education.

In History, students will learn the historical narrative of Britain and the wider world. They will also learn how to understand causation, change, similarity, difference, significance and how historians investigate the past and form interpretations about events.

In Geography, students develop contextual knowledge of globally significant places. They develop an understanding of the processes that give rise to key physical and human geographical features of the world. They develop the geographical skills needed to collect and analyse data gathered through fieldwork.

In RE, students develop an understanding of the main world religions through research, investigation and analysis. We study the five world faiths, engaging critically with ultimate questions, different world views and conflicting truth claims. This helps students consider the opinions of others, as well as challenging their own views.



Humanities Curriculum

History - During Year 7, History students look at how the balance of power changed between rulers and ruled in the period 1066 to 1603. Firstly, they study why and how William the Conqueror became king in 1066 and how he and the Norman rulers brought about changes to Britain. Students look at the impact of the Black Death and why the 1381 Peasants' Revolt happened and lastly how the Tudors came to rule Britain and the impact each of the monarchs had on society. Throughout the year students will develop their essay writing and source work skills.

Geography - We start Year 7 by focusing on map skills, including using grid references and scale, topographical mapping and contours. Students consolidate and extend their place knowledge of UK geography and explore similarities, differences and links between their local area and one contrasting area by conducting their first piece of fieldwork in Fairlop. They learn about how tectonic processes create distinct landscapes and change the environments in which we live. Towards the end of the year, students develop their own fieldwork investigations using the knowledge they have learnt about weather and climate.

Religious Education - In Year 7, students start by exploring what Jewish prophets tell us about the nature of god, and how this links to the other Abrahamic faiths: Christianity and Islam. They will also learn about Sikhism and how Sikhs understand the world. Throughout the year they will explore world views, including religious and non-religious views on ultimate questions such as what is real, what is truth, and if death is the end. Students will also do a Citizenship module on democracy, exploring the extent to which Britain is a democratic country, encompassing recent elections including the EU referendum.