

THE HUMANITIES FACULTY

The Humanities Faculty comprises a talented, hard-working and highly motivated team, dedicated to the academic achievement and personal development of all students at St Martin's. Among the 19 well-qualified and energetic teachers in the faculty there is a good balance of experienced and newly qualified staff. The faculty is committed to retaining a strong disinterestedness of subject whilst at the same time working together with the common purpose of providing the highest quality of teaching and learning so that all students make progress.

The Humanities Faculty consists of the following main subject areas: history, geography, Philosophy, Religion and Ethics, psychology, sociology and politics. The faculty is located in several areas within close proximity of each other, a discrete PRE block, and dedicated classrooms in the Sixth Form and North Building.

The faculty is fully committed to the professional development of individuals within the team and opportunities are provided to ensure this takes place. These include one-to-one mentoring, in-faculty and whole school training, an acclaimed induction programme, and external training and networking opportunities. The faculty meets regularly on a formal basis to share good practice, formulate and review policy and discuss a range of issues. On a day-to-day basis, the faculty team room is the hub of social and professional interaction where advice can be sought, resources developed and shared, and teaching strategies discussed in a more relaxed, informal atmosphere.

The faculty is forward thinking and innovative in its vision, delivering varied and dynamic lessons and being prepared to experiment in order to achieve higher levels of pupil learning. Whilst formal teaching is still used, there is increasing emphasis on students taking more responsibility for their own learning; planning lessons to reflect students personal learning styles, using interactive whiteboards, ICT software and video camera. To support the vision, the faculty has a range of well-equipped specialist rooms, all with computer projectors and access to audio-visual equipment.

The Philosophy, Religion and Ethics (PRE) department offers AQA Religious Studies (8062) at GCSE and AQA Philosophy (7172) at A-level. At GCSE PRE is a core subject and all students study the full course. In 2020 the PRE department achieved 75% 9-4 at GCSE and 38% A*-B at A-level.

Suitable candidates are therefore offered an exciting opportunity to join a thriving and highly successful Humanities Faculty.

The Governing Body is committed to safeguarding our students against radicalisation and extremism and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.