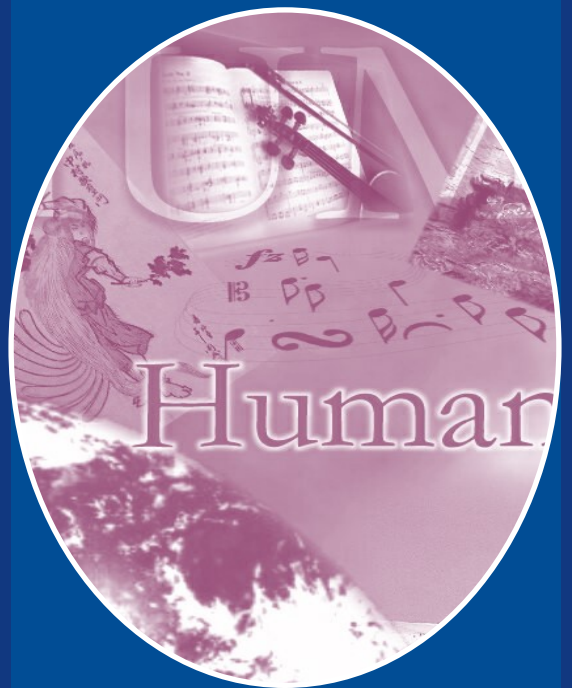




THE MINSTER SCHOOL

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THE HUMANITIES FACULTY

The Humanities Faculty comprises of Religious Education, Geography, History, Personal Social Health Education and Citizenship. This Faculty represents a thriving and very popular area of school life, enjoying success in both academic achievements and in a wide range of enrichment activities.

The Humanities faculty have recognised strengths in terms of attainment and commitment to new teaching strategies and goals. We are a forward thinking, dynamic, friendly and committed team.



FACULTY STRUCTURE

The Head of the Humanities Faculty is also a CTL for Geography, History or RE. Alongside the CTL for Geography there are 2 full time Geography teachers and a member of the leadership team. Alongside the CTL for RE and PSHCE there are four full time RE teachers, one of whom is also CTL for Christian Distinctiveness. Within History there are two full time members of staff in addition to the CTL. There is also a Departmental Assistant linked to the Faculty.

Within the Faculty there is the opportunity for staff to teach in more than one subject area. Faculty meetings and development sessions led by different members of the team are also carried out to ensure that Teaching and Learning remains at the forefront of our vision for Humanities.



THE HUMANITIES CURRICULUM

Although the Faculty covers the three subject areas distinctively there are many opportunities for collaborative cross curricular work. These include specific units or work that are often developed to meet current world events.

Curriculum development is focused on raising achievement through the use of Thinking Skills, Assessment for Learning and using New Technologies, where all staff are supported by a programme of continuing professional development in these areas. The faculty also enjoys a strong reputation for sharing best practice across the school, both formally and informally.

The recruitment of students on to Humanities courses is particularly strong. At GCSE all students now follow the full course option in RE and both Geography and History sustain very high recruitment as option subjects. Numbers at A level are equally as high across the three subject areas.

EXTRA CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

The faculty also engages in a wide variety of enrichment activities beyond the normal curriculum. Some of these include:

- Achieving the International School Award, through projects such as the Ugive Uganda fund raising initiative
- Supporting the Geographical Association with professional development events.
- Partnership work with a variety of other schools
- International trips to Iceland and New York for A level students.





FACULTY RESULTS 2018

The sustained achievements of students confirms the well regarded status of the Faculty within school and the commitment of a large team of staff, who work closely together. This generates a friendly, yet dynamic and determined atmosphere with a forward looking approach to Teaching and Learning aimed at raising standards.

In 2011 Ofsted said: *"This school is highly effective so that the outcomes in all areas are outstanding. All aspects of provision were judged to be of the highest quality and as a result students make outstanding progress."*

Subject	Key Stage 3	Key Stage 4	Key Stage 5
Religious Education	L3+ 100% L4+ 100% L5+ 99%	GCSE 9-4 79.2%	AS 96.8% A-E A2 100% A-E
Geography	L3+ 100% L4+ 100% L5+ 98%	GCSE 9-4 89.7%	AS 70%A-E A2 100% A-E
History	L3+ 100% L4+ 100% L5+ 98%	GCSE 9-4 78.2%	AS 100% A-E A Level 100% A-E

FACULTY RESOURCES

The Humanities Faculty has 12 specialist classrooms contained within its own corridor. Each classroom is large and well equipped and has an interactive whiteboard, visualisers and access to banks of class laptops.

