

# World Studies (humanities and MfL) Department

The World Studies Department delivers Geography, History, Religious Studies, Citizenship, New Horizons (Humanities Year 7 and 8 curriculum) and French. World Studies consists of 8 core staff with a total of 12 staff teaching within the department to varying levels of commitment on their timetables.

Teaching and learning have been the focus of staff development with many exciting initiatives being introduced into classrooms. We currently teach Year 7 and 8 students for 4 lessons week in a combination of Geography and Citizenship for 2 lessons, and History and RS for 2 lessons. In Year 9 students will study Geography, History and RS as discreet subjects for 1 hour a week. All students study a foreign language at Key Stage 3, with students having 3 lessons a week during years 7-9.

The department is well resourced with access to audio-visual equipment and ICT provision. All specialist classrooms are furnished with an interactive white board or a projector and a set of 30 netbooks and IPAD's are housed within the department for our exclusive use. In addition we have a class set of iPads which have been predominantly used within the languages area.

Uptake for World Studies at Key Stage 4 is good, at year 11 we currently have 6 groups across the department with a further 7 at year 10. History and Geography currently offer the WJEC A Syllabus for each subject in year 11 but have moved to EDEXCEL and AQA respectively with the introduction of the new GCSE specifications at year 10. Students can also study Spanish or French at GCSE, year 11 currently which follow the OCR Syllabus. In year 10 French students follow the new AQA GCSE course. GCSE subjects are timetabled for three one-hour lessons in Year 10 and 11. All students are expected to take one of these English Baccalaureate subjects during KS4 unless they study triple or Computer Science. There is an expectation that a considerably larger number of students will be entered for the ebacc in current year 9 before moving to offer the ebacc to the whole cohort in year 8.

This is an exciting time to join the school and the department. The World Studies Department forms a cohesive and supportive group and will welcome the input of an enthusiastic and innovative teacher with who will seek to bring new ideas to the department. As 2<sup>nd</sup> in department, the successful candidate will find a culture of realistic self-evaluation within the department and subsequently a desire to constantly improve and push the boundaries of our performance. This is an excellent opportunity for an aspiring leader to work with strong teachers and middle to make a real impact upon pupil progress and the new curriculum. Further opportunities for staff development are promoted within the department and the school as a whole. If you would like further information or to discuss any aspects of the post then please contact me at the school.

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