



Humanities : More about the Department

The Humanities faculty at Ruskin is a large and thriving team. The faculty is well resourced and benefits from high quality staff facilities.

The faculty are passionate about evidence-informed pedagogical practice and have high expectations of the curriculum students should be able to access, adopting a knowledge rich approach. They want students to develop independence and aspiration, and recognise the importance of studying humanities at school and beyond in giving meaning to the world around them.

The team is led by the Director of Humanities and Heads of Department in History, Geography, RE and Social Sciences. The faculty are very proud of the curriculum offer, the quality of work the students produce, and the opportunities provided for students to broaden their understanding of the world through extra-curricular activities, such as Humanities Club and Philosophy Club. They are always looking for ways to expand the offer to students, and individual members of the group have found ways to expand their responsibilities, such as through developing trips, clubs and whole school projects.

Most teachers within the faculty teach History, Geography or RE at KS3. The Humanities offer at Key Stage 4 expands to include Psychology and Sociology. The faculty has a huge presence in Sixth Form, where History, Geography, Psychology, Sociology, Law, Politics and Criminology are popular amongst the students and many of the faculty have developed a number of specialisms.

We recognise and champion career pathways for talented professionals and as such, the department offers numerous opportunities to grow and develop your teaching career, from regular departmental training to full access of nationally recognised CPD suites through our teaching school.

There is a unique energy at Ruskin; we are forward thinking, aspirational and dynamic, yet warm and immersed in building collective efficacy across our staff and wider, colleagues across the Trust.

The Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment.