



HUMANITIES

HUMANITIES CURRICULUM PROGRESSION PATHWAY:

Why is the study of Humanities important?

The humanities have an essential role in developing the values, qualities and dispositions required for living in a world of constant change. History, Geography, Religious Education and Citizenship are included and each subject covers a different aspect of what it means to be human. Building on the knowledge and skills established in Primary school KS3 Humanities enables children to understand what it means to be human and to appreciate the role of culture, concepts and context. Humanities motivates children, especially those who are often disengaged from school learning. In part, this is to do with what is being studied (people, places and cultures); and in part with active ways of learning, such as enquiry and field work, and interpretation, using skills such as those associated with critical thinking. Humanities provide an important context in which literacy and numeracy skills can be practised and applied in meaningful contexts. Humanities requires the ability to evaluate what is heard and read and to see and understand the world from a range of perspectives. This is particularly the case in times of constant change – and instant access to information, often of questionable veracity. The humanities have an essential role in developing the values, qualities and dispositions required for living in a world of constant change, and so are essential in the education of the ‘whole child.’ We recognise that the humanities may raise sensitive and controversial questions, such as ‘whose history?’, climate change and migration and the role of religion. It is important for children to explore and engage with such issues.

The Humanities curriculum in our school is rigorous, with appropriate challenge and consolidation to allow students of all abilities to flourish, whilst offering opportunities for increased breadth and depth for more-able students and support and intervention for students who are less fluent. The skills, knowledge and understanding developed through the early years in our schools provide a solid preparation for success in a range of KS4 examination courses.

What skills will the study of Humanities teach you?

- Writing Skills - Virtually all aspects of humanities require children to write. Children learn to organise their thoughts around a topic, writing clearly, logically and persuasively.

- **Research Skills** - In humanities students also become skilled in researching topics using multiple sources. They learn to assess the accuracy of their sources and draw conclusions based on their findings. These skills are essential in solving real-world problems.
- **Critical Thinking Skills** - Critical thinking trains children to be active learners rather than passive receivers of information. In humanities children are taught to approach texts with a critical eye; question ideas and assumptions and identify inconsistencies and errors in the arguments of others.
- **Analytical Skills** - In humanities children learn to analyse the evidence they've collected and explain to others how their evidence proves their main argument.
- **Creativity** - Analytical skills require creativity because the obvious solution may not always be the most effective solution. Often problems require out-of-the-box thinking to produce optimal results. In humanities children are taught to think in complex, nuanced ways enabling them to come up with creative solutions and new ways of doing things.
- **Communication** - Analytical thinking won't have an impact unless you're able to explain your ideas to others in a way that they can understand and convince them to buy into your ideas.
- **Teamwork** - Humanities provide opportunities for children to work as a team on a common goal. Children learn how to assert their opinions constructively and to incorporate the contributions of others.
- **Personal Responsibility**—The ability to see the consequences for your actions and take responsibility for and justify the choices made.
- **Social Responsibility**—The ability to see what's best for society and the world as a whole and to act accordingly.

What will you know and understand from your study of Humanities?

- Know and experience a variety of culture and beliefs
- Know and understand the conventions involved in interpreting historical documents
- Understand how human relationships develop, flourish and fail in a range of contexts
- Engage with moral and controversial issues
- Develop an appreciation the world; it's past, present and future

How does your study of Humanities support your study in other subjects?

As a subject, Humanities involves a range of skills from English, Mathematics and Science. These skills are best developed through practice in meaning contexts.

Humanities promotes the ability to participate in and lead discussions, listening to others, considering alternative viewpoints and perspectives and using judgement to weigh up arguments. It frequently demands negotiation and team working when presenting ideas and information and the ability to articulate concisely ideas and opinions, show an understanding of documents, base conclusions on research or evidence and so on. These are transferable skills that impact on all other subjects.

How can students deepen their understanding of Humanities?

Students will be given lots of opportunities to simply engage with the community, country and world in which they live.

How are you assessed in Humanities?

In Humanities, students are assessed using the assessment objectives below. There are half termly assessment points each year that we term Praising Stars©. For younger years we base our assessment on our subject mapping of the age related expectations across the curriculum, assessing students' performance at their current stage of study against expectation.

Key Assessment Objectives

- Change and Continuity
- Cause and Consequence
- Environmental change and Sustainability
- Source Skills
- Decision making
- Communication and Enquiry
- Social, Moral and Cultural Exploration

How can the study of Humanities support students beyond school?

Humanities provides a strong foundation for any job or profession that involves communication, analytical thinking, strong verbal and written communication, imagination and creativity.

Careers that the study of Humanities supports include:

- Journalism
- Teaching
- Law: solicitor / barrister/ paralegal
- Librarian / Archivist

- Public Relations
- Politician
- Human Resources
- Events management
- Research

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	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9
Autumn 1	Law and Justice	Human Rights	Crime and Punishment
Autumn 2	WWI & WWII	War and Remembrance	Conflict resolution - The Just War
Spring 1	Map and Investigation Skills	Britain and Europe	Crime Mapping and GIS
Spring 2	Extreme Earth	Our Changing World	Climate Change
Summer 1	Who Am I?	Where do I live? Local Geography (rivers and coasts / orienteering)	The History of our area - Britain the first industrial nation
Summer 2	Our world - Asia and Africa	Global Citizenship	Medicine through time and place