



Humanities Department

What will I learn?

The aim of the Humanities department at Shrewsbury Academy is to develop in students a real interest in all three Humanities subjects which we believe are of central importance to understanding the world and our place in it.

We aim to develop in students the skills, enthusiasm and understanding to become life-long learners, and to foster open-mindedness towards other people and cultures, as well as a sense of responsibility to the world around us. We believe that the Humanities subjects have the power to improve every individual's quality of life in a spiritual and intellectual sense, as well as helping develop many skills which are vital in today's working world. Our subjects are also vital to the well-being of our local community, our national society and the global population as a whole; only with an understanding of our environments, climate, religious beliefs and historical roots, can the human race advance in a sustainable, peaceful and successful manner. We have high expectations of all students and, above all, want all students to enjoy their education.

The Humanities Department

The Humanities Department at The Shrewsbury Academy consists of several members of staff. Mrs Jones (Head of Department), Miss Davey (2nd in Department), Miss Cox, Mr Latham, Mr Ward, Mr Powell and Mrs Crow. The Humanities department believes strongly in all students being given the opportunity to study each of the Humanities subjects. We aim to always create a safe environment where students feel comfortable about taking risks and are happy to meet challenges. We aim to meet the needs of all students and we acknowledge that students learn most effectively through a variety of media, including aural, visual and written.

How many Humanities do I get?

In Key Stage 3 students have three 60 minute lessons of History and Geography per fortnight and one 60 minute lesson of RE per fortnight. Students use the information gathered during Key Stage 3 to make informed choices whether they study GCSE History or Geography in Key Stage 4 and have five 60 minute lessons per fortnight.

What exams can I take?

History

Currently, the Year 10 GCSE History groups are following the AQA syllabus which is assessed at the end of two years through two papers; Paper 1: Understanding the modern world and Paper 2: Shaping the nation.

Paper 1 (50%): Germany 1890 – 1945 and Conflict and Tension 1918 – 1939

Paper 2 (50%): Norman England c1066 – c1100 and Britain Power and the People

Geography

Currently, the Year 10 GCSE Geography groups are following the AQA syllabus which is assessed at the end of two years through three papers; Paper 1: Living with the Physical environment; Paper 2: Challenge in the Human environment and Paper 3 Geographical applications.

Paper 1 (35%): challenge of natural hazards, the living world and physical landscapes in the UK

Paper 2 (35%): Urban issues and challenges, the changing economic world and the challenge of resource management

Paper 3 (30%): issue evaluation, fieldwork and geographical skills

What websites would you recommend?

<u>Geography</u>	<u>History</u>
<p>Websites</p> <p>www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/geography/ www.geography.learnontheinternet.co.uk www.schoolhistory.org.uk/geoq.htm www.georesources.co.uk/ www.learn.co.uk/ www.geographypages.co.uk/nextindex.htm www.s-cool.co.uk www.lettsrevision.com/students www.geography-site.co.uk/pages/revision http://revisioncentre.co.uk/gcse/geography/ www.revision-notes.co.uk/GCSE/Geography.php http://www.revisionworld.co.uk/gcse-revision/geography http://sln.org.uk/geography/schools/blythebridge/gcserevision.htm</p> <p>Please remember we follow the AQA Syllabus and so some of the above websites may include revision materials for other specifications so when revising please remember to always cross check with your specification</p> <p>Revision Guides</p> <p>We will be issuing letters in September 2018 to give you the opportunity to purchase revision guides. For your guidance; we recommend:</p> <p>Oxford AQA GCSE Revision guide https://global.oup.com/education/product/9780198423461/?region=uk</p>	<p>Websites</p> <p>www.bbc.co.uk/revision www.schoolhistory.org.uk www.schoolhistory.co.uk www.activehistory.co.uk</p> <p>Please remember we follow the AQA Syllabus and so some of the above websites may include revision materials for other specifications so when revising please remember to always cross check with your specification.</p> <p>The topics studied at GCSE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norman England c1066 – c1100 • Britain Power and the People c1170 – present day • Germany 1890 – 1945 Democracy and Dictatorship • Conflict and Tension 1918 – 1939 <p>Revision Guides</p> <p>We will be issuing letters in September 2018 to give you the opportunity to purchase revision guides. For your guidance; we recommend:</p> <p>Oxford AQA GCSE Revision guides (one per topic) https://global.oup.com/education/content/secondary/series/oxford-aqa-gcse-history/?region=uk&view=ProductList&start=20</p>
<p>Any questions regarding the specification you are studying; please contact Mrs Jones (Head of Humanities) on jones.j@sa.sat.coop</p>	