



# The Fernwood School

## Humanities Faculty – Geography, History and Religious Education

The Humanities Faculty is a dynamic and experienced team. Humanities is popular with students and there is a strong uptake of GCSE courses in which we have a proven track record of academic success.

The Faculty is comprised of three distinct subjects: geography, history and religious education. All students are taught geography, history and religious education during Key Stage 3. Each subject area offers a range of courses with their own programmes of study and schemes of learning.

The Humanities Faculty currently consists of six full-time staff and three part time staff.

The Humanities staff pride themselves on having a passion for teaching and a determination to share this passion with our students so that together we can value learning in an atmosphere of mutual respect. We stand by our school commitment of ensuring every student is valued. Humanities subjects are discretely taught by mainly specialist staff in a suite of rooms equipped with Promethean boards.

### Key Stage 3

From September, history and geography are will be allocated an hour and a half per week and RE has one hour per week. Lessons are currently taught as mixed ability classes. There is support available from the Special Needs Faculty through Teaching Assistants and supportive links with the SENCO.

### Key Stage 4

History and geography are allocated two and a half hours per week – a double lesson and a single. Classes are currently mixed ability. RE is taught for one lesson per week. Students begin the study of KS4 RE in Year 9. Field visits have been to the Peak District, Shropshire, Warwickshire and the local area. Extra-curricular activities have strengthened our results which are above national averages.