

Humanities Faculty

The Faculty, which boasts an experienced and hardworking staff, is a forward looking, successful and thriving part of Rainhill Media Arts College

Faculty Aims

The Humanities Faculty aims to

- Promote an enjoyment of learning, where pupils are encouraged to become independent, multi-skilled learners that achieve highly.
- By studying the different humanities subjects students can better appreciate the world in which we live, how the past has shaped our future and the multi-cultural society in which we now all live.
- Employ a range of teaching techniques providing equal opportunities to all students
- We aim to help all pupils to reach their potential and to foster a lifelong interest in these subjects.
- Enable pupils to see outside of themselves with study of the natural and human world around them, it's past, religious traditions and social values.
- Enable young people to make sense of the modern world, 'the global village', helping them to become valuable citizens and provide the context and background for all other human activity. The Humanities subjects are vital to any student's education.

Facilities

The Humanities subjects have dedicated specialist classrooms in the main school and shared humanities classrooms in the sixth form. All rooms have a computer and interactive whiteboard for teachers and the school has several ICT suites as well as laptop/iPad banks that are available to book for student use.

Staffing

Jo Parkinson	Head of Faculty, Head of Geography
Vacancy	Head of History
Rachainda Thompson	Head of RE
Jacqui Ayre	RE Teacher/Citizenship Co-ordinator
Michael Binns	Geography and Government and Politics Teacher
Gill Booth	RE/Sociology Teacher and KS3 Progress Leader
John Cahill	History Teacher
Orla Coyne	Geography Teacher
Susan Jones	Geography Teacher
Jane Marshall	History Teacher
Daniel Procter	History and Government and Politics Teacher
Jo West	History Teacher and Year 11 Progress Leader
Helen Wood	Geography Teacher

The Faculty structure is led by the Head of Faculty, supported by Heads of Department for individual curriculum areas.

Curriculum

Key Stage 3

Students follow a two year key stage 3 curriculum pathway, choosing their option subjects in Year 8.

Geography, History and RE are taught as discreet subjects at key stage three and are grouped by their literacy ability

One less able groups are also taught Humanities as a separate course in years 7 and 8

Key Stage 4

The Faculty offers History as a Full Course GCSE. In year 9 pupils who have opted for History are taught the bridging skills and knowledge that are required for the GCSE course that starts in Year 10.

Key Stage 5

The Faculty offers AS and A2 courses in History and Government and Politics

2015 Examination Performance

	GCSE		AS		ALPS	A2		ALPS
History	A/A*	42%	A*-B	30%	8	A*-B	50%	6
	A-C	91%	A*-C	43%		A*-C	100%	

Examinations Specifications

GCSE

Course – AQA History B 9147

Rainhill has an above average intake and approximately 250 students in each year group. As such, significant cohorts follow an EBacc pathway. In 2014/15 49% (116 students took a GCSE in either History or Geography), 43% of the whole cohort achieved the EBacc measure.

	Y9 2015/16	Y10 2015/16	Y11 2015/16
History	148	129	116

A Level courses studied:

AQA History (AS 1041, A2 2041)

AQA Government and Politics (AS 1151, A2 2151)

Extra-Curricular Activities

Humanities visits are frequent and popular. Examples from recent academic years are;

A Level RE/History trip to Krakow, Poland

GCSE History trips to Berlin

KS3 History trip to First World War battlefield sites

KS3 Enrichment trips involving students participating in workshops led by the Anne Frank Trust

Jo Parkinson

Head of Humanities Faculty