



## Curriculum Overview: Humanities

Humanities encompasses the study of the world around us and the study of the world that has come before us. These vital studies allow students to widen their perspectives of life and appreciate not only the world they live in but those events and individuals that shaped our world as we now know it. Through the study of History and Geography students at St Philip Howard will gain abundant, transferable life skills such as critical evaluation, questioning, researching, debating, empathy, enhanced communication skills and field work skills. These skills are recognised as the foundations of numerous career paths.

### **KS3**

In Year 7 Geography lessons students cover Geography skills, Tectonic plates, the causes and impact of flooding and drought and tourism. This is followed in Year 8 with the study of the economic world, extreme weather, coastlines and population growth.

In Year 7 History lessons students cover History skills, the Medieval Realms, the Tudors and the Stuarts and The Native American Indians. In Year 8 the focus moves to the modern era with the study of the Industrial Revolution, World War One and World War Two.

### **KS4**

At KS4 both History and Geography follow the AQA Specifications.

From year 9 to year 11 students who have opted for Geography study three core areas, living with the physical environment, challenges on the human environment and geographical applications involving a field work study. Aspects covered include natural hazards, physical landscapes in the UK, the living world, urbanization, the economic world and resource management.

From year 9-11 students who have chosen History study 4 key topics over the three years. The course begins with the breadth study Britain Health and the People 1300- modern day. This is followed with a British depth study on the Elizabethan era. The remaining topics consider the shaping of the modern world and cover Germany 1870-1945 and Conflict and tension in the interwar years 1919-1939.

Both subjects are assessed through final examinations in Year 11 with 3 papers for Geography and 2 papers for History.

### **Extra – Curricular**

The Humanities faculty supports pupils learning and progress with a Humanities Café every Thursday lunchtime and Toasty Tuesday drop in sessions for KS4 pupils on a weekly basis.

The faculty also takes a KS4 trip each year to Poland to support and consolidate learning centred around the persecution within the Nazi regime. This trip involves visiting Auschwitz concentration camp and meeting a Holocaust survivor at the Galicia Jewish museum in Krakow.