More Able in Humanities

Teaching and Learning

In the Humanities Faculty we use a combination of teaching and learning strategies to allow More Able students to extend their knowledge and master key skills. More Able students are monitored closely by all staff and given a number of different opportunities to ensure that they achieve their full potential.

We consistently use differentiated learning outcomes according GCSE and A-level criteria. From year 7, students are assessed using GCSE style questions. Prior to assessments, students are provided with detailed success criteria and subject specific content to aid their preparation and revision. Students have their pathway displayed on their books/folders so that they are aware of their expected outcome at all times.

Classwork and homework are differentiated throughout all key stages, and challenge tasks are used consistently in lesson time to push the most able. GCSE revision sessions are often differentiated to support high ability students. All teachers use a combination of teaching methods such as flipped learning and SOLO taxonomy to appeal to all learning styles.

We provide all students with detailed and valuable feedback during DIRT (dedicated improvement and reflection time). Students are provided with tailored advice and tasks to improve their performance following assessments in all subject areas.

Outside of the classroom

Students are given the opportunity to attend GCSE and A-level conferences.

Students are provided with additional revision materials, with extra exam style questions and structures to enhance their learning.

At KS5, students applying to Oxbridge are given extra support in terms of preparing both their personal statements and for their interviews.

Students are encouraged to read around their topics, especially at GCSE and A-level; departments provide students with additional reading/documentaries/film lists.

Departments have also built up their own extra reading libraries.

Debate club runs for sixth formers, along with Geography and History clubs at KS3.

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