

Cramlington Learning Village The Humanities Department

The Humanities department is currently one of the largest departments in the school, with 16 members of staff teaching Humanities. The department is housed in the brand new Enquire Learning Space in the Junior Learning Village and also has other bases in the Senior Learning Village. The department is managed and led by an Assistant Head Teacher who is responsible for Leading learning throughout all of the Humanities disciplines.

All Humanities lessons in Years 7 and 8 take place in the Enquire learning spaces and involve a team of teachers working with 60 children. Lessons are focussed upon developing Learner Knowledge, Learner Skills and Attributes through Enquiry Based Learning. The Learning spaces are resourced for 21st Century learning and are therefore richly resourced in IT and are sizeable in terms of space.

We have employed a full time web-designer who works principally with the Humanities department to create high quality online resources for staff and students. As a result all of our lesson plans are available in electronic format online, with a huge bank of useful resources available to impact on learning.

The Humanities department offers a range of courses to students. At key stage 4 we run core I Citizen course with GCSE Geography, History and Religious Studies as separate options. Currently all students at Key Stage 4 are taking part in our new "I Citizen", course that is designed to develop Citizenship as well as Wider Key Skills such as problem Solving and Working with Others.

At key stage 5 Geography, History, Religious Studies and Sociology are all offered under the "umbrella" of Humanities. Results at both As and A Level have been good over the past three years and students continue to achieve within the Humanities disciplines.

The department is looking to build even further on its current status within the School. We have recently rewritten the GCSE course and have incorporated the innovative "Learning to Learn", programme within all lessons in Year 7, 8 and 9. This has ensured that the new course has a fully prepared programme of study fit for a Twenty First Century school. Fresh, innovative thinking would be welcome!

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