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Dear Colleague

## **Humanities at Fairfield**

At Fairfield we teach a wide and varied curriculum for Humanities, to instil in students the importance of being a global citizen. All classes are mixed ability, and we believe that any student can achieve with the right support.

Our KS3 curriculum forms the foundation for GCSE, but in a creative, fun and engaging way. We are constantly evaluating and reviewing our schemes of learning to ensure they are current, innovative and enjoyable for students, as well as looking at opportunities to develop more cross-curricular learning.

In History at KS3 we study a variety of topics from 1000CE to the present day, looking at topics such as the Norman Conquest, Slavery and its abolition, the Development of Medicine and the World Wars. We also run an annual visit to the WW1 Battlefields for Y9 students, which always has a very large uptake.

At KS4 students study the four topics under the AQA exam board (Britain: Health and the People/ Norman England/ Conflict and Tension between East and West/ Germany 1890-1945). History at Fairfield is also focused upon our locality and we regularly visit a local archaeological dig at Arthur's Stone and Snodhill Castle.

In Geography at KS3, students study a wide range of topics including rivers, coasts, settlements and a number of focused country studies. We regularly take field trips in all year groups, to support and enrich in class studies. Geography GCSE students sit the AQA Geography exam at the end of year 11.

We also teach Ethics at KS3, which is the Fairfield approach to PSHE, Citizenship and RSE. Our students respond very well to this course, which we keep up to date with current, culturally contextual issues.

We pride ourselves on Geography and History results, which have been significantly above average nationally and among the best in the county for a number of years. We feel these results are down to our unwaveringly high expectations of students and the excellent relationships we foster with our classes during their time at Fairfield. Students believe that they can do well in Humanities and trust us to support them in their achievements.

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