

Humanities

Area of Learning and Experience (AoLE)



Key and fundamental aspects of Humanities

Humanities area of learning and experience is focused on an understanding of human experiences and human condition in the past and present.

“The humanities AoLE provides rich opportunities for learning beyond the school walls”

G.Donaldson,

Humanities will be taught holistically and across discipline to develop a conceptual understanding.

The five subject areas within the humanities AoLE are History; Geography; Religious Education; Social studies and Business studies. There are 5 ‘what matters’ in the humanities AoLE these are:

ENQUIRY

Quest for discovery & desire to try and investigate and explore human experiences.

Create a desire to question things around them and research for responses to their

1

INTERPRETATIONS & REPRESENTATIONS

Understand how people can come to different views of the same event and that peoples opinions may change.

2

HUMAN INTERACTION WITH THE NATURAL WORLD

Understand the impact the natural world has on us and what impact we have on the natural world.

How we can help with sustainability. Our responsibilities for the planet.

3

SOCIETIES

To look at different periods of history and modern day societies and compare the differences/ changes.

To look into the political and economical structures of different societies

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CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES FACED IN HUMANITY

Climate change

Sustainability

Equality

Justice

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SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE NEW HUMANITIES AOLE AND THE OLD

Similarities include the “traditional” humanities led subjects such as History and Geography will still be covered under the humanities umbrella. However, one significant difference is that Business Studies and Social Studies are now encompassed within the humanities AoLE, which will bring wider perspectives and new ideas into humanities.

