



Schools Direct Course Information

Finham Park School

Subjects offered at Finham Park School

Science

The Science team at Finham Park are committed to delivering a high quality lively interesting and above all scientifically rich curriculum. Unlike most state schools in Coventry, and indeed in England, Finham has a full range of qualified Biology, Chemistry and Physics specialist teachers. This means you can have experienced support that has real expertise in delivering your subject in schools. There are a number of experienced subject mentors in the department as well as range of staff including NQT and RQT. Our results are among the best, if not the best, in Coventry and it goes without saying that Finham Park is an outstanding place to be. We have worked successfully with a large number of trainee staff over the years from a variety of backgrounds.

A number of "our" students are now heads of subject in their own right. The school offers a range of qualifications at KS4 and 5 including traditional A levels and Applied courses. Finham offers a full range of courses essential to provide you the experience of all types of qualification in your training. The balance between our expertise and your commitment will give you the best start to your teaching career.

English

We are a vibrant, passionate and dedicated team of English specialists who are not only excited about developing our own pedagogy but also supporting the blossoming careers of young trainees. As a department, we have a wonderful mixture of interests, specialisms and personalities and are used to welcoming many visitors, trainees and colleagues from other schools. We have several trained mentors within our English staff who have worked with NQTs, PGCEs and School Direct trainees. We therefore have a well-established relationship with Warwick University.

Mathematics

The Mathematics department is one of the biggest departments in the school and is highly regarded and successful. Last summer our year 11 students achieved a fantastic 89.2% A*- C grades at GCSE level and we are continuously trying to improve on this. We participate in events such as the UK Maths Challenge and are continuously looking for ways to enrich our students' curriculum. Our status as Specialist Mathematics and Computing College has enabled us to develop our own practice as well as helping other teachers in the local area. We are a vibrant department with a mixture of youth and



experience and we are committed to nurturing and developing our talented teachers and trainees to become world class teachers.

Art and Design

We are an art department in an outstanding school, and now a world class status school. Our outstanding team of 4 art teachers offer specialist skills through 3 endorsements in a high challenge class room in the following subject areas - Photography, Graphics, and fine art. All are delivered in refined pathways at GCSE and A level. We achieve GCSE results that are 18 - 20%+ above our school average for the last 5 years, and we are very proud that our post 16 results are consistently 20%+ better than the school average for A-B grade AS, and A2 Alps predicted scores and results. We have trained x1 GTP teacher trainee with Warwick University, x1 schools direct trainee, and x1 PGCE student with Nine Stiles over the last 5 years. All are good to outstanding practitioners and all have jobs in very good or outstanding departments through the west Midlands or Warwickshire. We are working with Warwick University as a Subject Hub of Excellence with their 4 art PGCE students offering and delivering in house training in the department.

Computing

We provide both ICT and Computing at both KS4 and 5 levels. The ICT is strong and underpinned with a fabulous IT support service. We have always welcomed the opportunity to work with colleagues entering the profession and have an excellent track record of success in this area. We have always viewed the opportunity to work with trainees as being something which is mutually beneficial to all involved and like to think that we provide a friendly, supportive and positive environment in which to work.

Geography

Our Geography curriculum regular takes advantage of some excellent outdoor learning activities which underpin the delivery of the classroom teaching. There are three subject specialists in this department who have arrange of expertise in teaching Geography. The benefit of this is that trainees get a high level of support as they look at improving their teaching techniques.

MFL

The MFL department at Finham Park is a successful, friendly department offering French, Spanish and Mandarin across the school. There are 7 members of staff who are all prepared to help and support trainees, and share good practice. The department offers Mandarin enrichment sessions (approximately 12 weeks) to all students in years 7 and 8. In year 9, which forms part of our 3 year KS4, students can opt for GCSE Mandarin. We also offer Pre-U Mandarin (a two year course) at Sixth Form. Mrs Yan, the teacher in charge of Mandarin, is a native speaker and will offer regular support. As a Confucius classroom we also benefit from the presence of 2 Hanban teachers who support our work in



school and lead our outreach programme in local primary and secondary schools. They also offer cultural activities across the school and trainees would be welcome to assist with this. We also organise cultural visits to places such as Chinatown and the British Museum.

PE

In PE we want to inspire young people to participate in and enjoy physical activity, and to recognise the importance of an active and healthy lifestyle which continues into adulthood. We want to instil this through effective teaching and learning that is constantly looking to move forward, providing opportunities for pupils to assume responsibility for their learning, to engage inquisitive minds and provide learners with a high standard of learning that should be expected by them every lesson. At Finham Park we want to make Physical Education into its own unique brand that motivates and excites pupils of all ages and abilities. We are striving to be an ever developing department with a passion for allowing pupils to grow and learn, and to give them moments of inspiration and enjoyment that will remain with them beyond their time at Finham. We have an exciting curriculum in all Key stages and offer both GCSE & A-level PE. We offer an extensive range of enrichment activities and play 180+ fixtures a year in a variety of sport. We are successful at Town, Country, Regional and National level. The department has had experience at offering GTP's and PGCE placements over the last several years.

Religious Studies

All students in Key Stage 3 study Religious Studies and then go on to study it at GCSE level. The department is a growing department, providing some excellent learning opportunities through a wide range of activities from holocaust survivor talks to a joint project with the science department looking at our place in the cosmos. The teachers are innovative and cohesive, sharing some excellent resources to provide the best learning outcomes for our young people.