



# Humanities Department

*“The Future is Unwritten”*

At St James', the Humanities department empowers students to question, investigate and understand the past and present so that they can actively shape the world of tomorrow. Through critical thinking, creativity and empathy, we prepare young people to write their own future stories and to contribute meaningfully to a just, sustainable and connected society.



# Vision, Mission and Goals

## Vision

To empower students to think critically, act thoughtfully, and engage confidently with a complex and interconnected world.

## Mission

To develop curious, independent and critical thinkers who can understand and interpret an increasingly complex world.

- Through Economics, Geography, History and Politics, students explore the connections between people, places and systems, applying their knowledge to real-world issues and contemporary global challenges.
- We cultivate informed, reflective and respectful individuals who can engage with diverse perspectives, construct well-reasoned arguments and participate confidently in society.
- Through academic rigour, engaging lessons and real-world experiences, we equip students with the skills and judgement to succeed beyond school and contribute meaningfully as global citizens.



## Department Goals



### Deepening Understanding of the World and Our Place Within It

Help students understand the world around them by exploring real-world issues and the connections between people, places and systems.



### Developing Informed, Respectful and Active Citizens

Encourage students to grow into respectful, thoughtful and responsible individuals who contribute positively to their community.



### Cultivating Curious and Capable Thinkers

Support students to become curious, independent learners who can think critically and achieve their personal best.



In Humanities at St James' we strive to empower students to think critically, act with integrity and shape the world around them—because the future is unwritten, and through curiosity, courage and understanding, they can become the change they wish to see.

**Alan McLatchie**  
Head of Humanities



### Future Pathways

- Economics, finance or commerce degrees
- Business and management courses
- Public policy and government
- International business and trade
- Environmental science and urban planning
- Sustainability and environmental management
- History or humanities degrees
- Politics and international relations
- Journalism
- Education
- Law and legal studies