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SUBJECT DESCRIPTION:

You've been in secondary education for long enough now to have some idea about the world and how it works. By Year 9 many of you are starting to think for yourselves in a more critical way, and you may be curious about why the world is the way it is. The topics we cover in Humanities may help the puzzle pieces slip into place.

Our Geography unit allows you to look at the social, economic, environmental, technological and political developments that have led to inequality on a global scale. We look at how resources are exploited and allocated and examine the difficulties many places face when creating a fair and just society. We ask the questions about why some places struggle to look after the needs of their people and why other places thrive.

Having gathered knowledge about the current state of nations around the world, we naturally become curious about the events, people and challenges that occurred in the past that resulted in the outcomes we see today. Our History unit starts where it all began but exploring pivotal moments and turning points that transpired during Industrial Revolution (1700-1900). Through investigations and inquiry projects you will come to understand the suffering that led to revolution, the inventions that trigger chain reactions and a complete flip in the way people live their lives. You will look very closely at the motivations of Europeans to colonise during this time and the subsequent ramifications including mass movements of people, slave trade, dispossession of land, and the building of different societies. This understanding of the 18th and 19th centuries provides the foundation for a depth study on The War to End All Wars, World War I.

The year would not be complete without an economics unit and our focus is on the world of work. You will learn how to write a resume and cover letter, who to ask for a reference and how, interview techniques, your rights and responsibilities as a worker, rates of pay, paying tax and the importance of putting in a tax return. This is a practical and relevant unit as many students enter the workforce for the first time.

Overall, Year 9 Humanities offers juicy topics to engage with that continue to build on your writing, analytical and critical thinking skills, that spark debate and deep understanding of the world around us.