**The Geography Department at Torquay Girls’ Grammar School**

Thankyou for your interest in applying for the position of teacher of geography at TGGS. This is an opportunity to join a successful, committed and enthusiastic department. Geography at TGGS is a very popular choice both at GCSE and at A Level. Currently there are 4 groups at A level and 6 groups at GCSE. There are 3 specialist geography rooms with interactive whiteboards and the department is well-resourced with fieldwork equipment and textbooks.

The Geography Department enjoys high attainment at both GCSE and A Level. A significant number of students go on to pursue Geography and Geography related courses at university, emphasising the popularity of the subject and ongoing enjoyment of lessons across all year groups.

The successful applicant will be expected to teach both GCSE and A level groups. We teach the AQA specification at both GCSE and A level. The department prides itself on its teaching, learning and enthusiasm for the subject. Being up to date with curriculum developments and current affairs is also a desirable trait for the successful candidate to have, especially given the recent changes to both A Level and GCSE.

The department likes to offer students a wide variety of opportunities, both in school and beyond. We are active members of the South Devon Geographical Association and our GCSE and A level students have the opportunity to attend and participate in lectures and workshops relevant to their studies. We have held field trips in Iceland, Italy and Croatia to name a few. We also offer many local field trips across all year groups, including to the Eden Project, the South Devon coast and Dartmoor. We are also committed to the compulsory fieldwork element at GCSE and A level, currently taking students to a wide variety of both human and physical locations. A level students also have the opportunity to undertake residential fieldwork in the Lake District and Manchester in Year 13.

The department promotes the sharing of ideas and resources and is well equipped with technology. We are currently developing systems to further share resources and lesson planning. The successful candidate would be expected to contribute to these resources and to keep them up to date for the department. We also have links with other schools in the local area and within the SWAT group, and are keen to share resources where possible.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Head of Department, Tania Grigg (tgrigg@tggsacademy.org).