**Description of the Geography Department at Tapton School**

We are seeking to appoint a new member to the Geography team to bring new ideas, energy and inspiration to what is already a strong and flourishing department. There are currently 5 teachers working within the Geography department sharing four dedicated classrooms. We are a close and supportive team who work hard for each other and the students.

Geography at Tapton is a popular and high achieving subject area with a consistently high uptake of students at both GCSE and A-level. In 2017, 145 Year 9 students opted to study GCSE Geography and we are an equally popular choice at AS and A2 with two classes in each year group. We believe this is on account of our commitment to delivering challenging and engaging lessons which students enjoy and achieve well in. Currently we follow the OCR B specification at GCSE and the OCR AS and A level specification.

In 2015 we moved into a brand new building on the school site and benefit from some of the best classrooms and technology in the school. Each classroom has a HD touchscreen with speakers and we have a trolley of 30 laptops plus an additional 18 Samsung tablets which can be used in lessons. The department is keen to embrace new technologies and we are developing our online Learning Platform to support students learning. We also have our own growing following on Twitter @teamgeography.

We firmly believe that fieldwork is an essential undertaking for all Geography students and we have a well-established fieldwork programme at KS4 and KS5. Y10 students spend a day on the East Yorkshire coast studying coastal erosion and defences whilst Y11 students visit Sheffield city centre to study the regeneration of the Moor. Our AS and A level students participate in a three day residential field course in the Lake District. They also spend a day in the Peak District investigating Carbon and Water cycles as well as a morning investigating Kelham Island as a changing place. Every two years the department visits Iceland, a visit which is open to KS4 and KS5 students.

This is an exciting time to join the Geography department at Tapton School. We are ambitious and forward thinking and have a wonderful cohort of students who are bright and enthusiastic Geographers. The successful candidate will be well supported and will be expected to contribute positively to the work and ethos of the department.

If you would like to find out more about our department then please do not hesitate to contact me.

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