



MILLTHORPE SCHOOL

**Teacher of Geography
Permanent - Full Time
From September 2018**

The Geography Department is currently staffed by three full-time teachers, all of whom are subject specialists.

In Year 7 students are taught in mixed ability tutor groups, whilst in Years 8 and 9 students are organised into sets. Teaching time is 1.5 hours per week for Years 7, 8 and 9. The KS3 course is fully specified and resourced and we believe it to be innovative, inspiring and a personalised learning experience for all students.

Geography is a very popular subject at KS4 with well over 200 students studying Geography in Years 10 and 11; some 60% of students. This is largely a direct result of the enthusiastic and hard-working staff who have built excellent relationships with the students throughout the school. Significant changes to Year 9 options mean that Geography is now competing with more departments than ever for GCSE uptake; so we have ensured our Year 9 course is engaging and challenging. Teaching time at KS4 is 3 hours per week and we currently follow AQA GCSE specification A. Results at KS4 are consistently amongst the best in the school and well above the national average. In the city of York as a whole, the department has shown continuous improvement in the last three years and currently stands top for student progress. Staff have worked hard to develop new, engaging and challenging schemes of work and resources for Years 10 and 11. The recent changes to the GCSE specification present an opportunity for all members of the department to contribute to the next phase of development.

The Department is well equipped and located in three adjacent teaching rooms, with a department office close by. There has been significant investment in updating resources in recent years. This includes the purchase of new texts and software for use in the PC suites as a tool for research and whiteboards in each teaching room. Relatively recent acquisitions to the Department's resources include FLIP video cameras and iPads, the use of which, to further enhance engagement, is an area for development.

This year provision of fieldwork opportunities has been a key priority. We usually run fieldwork in all year groups including:

- optional KS4 five day residential to Iceland;
- optional KS3 five day residential to Sicily;
- a trip for all of Year 8 to Flamborough on the East Yorkshire coast;
- all Year 7 to Bolton Abbey in the Yorkshire Dales;
- Y10 GCSE Geography data collection in York.

The Department is also active in raising awareness of global issues, including Fairtrade, and a willingness to contribute to the further development of this would be welcomed.

The Geography department is a forward thinking and closely-knit team, which is always looking to build on its considerable strengths. In recent years two of our colleagues have been promoted to Head of Department roles at other schools and we feel this is testimony to the opportunities that they have been presented with at Millthorpe.

The successful candidate will be an inspirational teacher, enthusiastic and keen to make a real contribution to all aspects of the department's work; schemes of work, resource development and evaluation, IT and fieldwork. He or she will teach to all levels and abilities throughout the school and should be committed to maintaining the high standards and profile that currently exist.

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