

Information for Geography Candidates



Why choose Caxton?

CAXTON COLLEGE is located in Puçol (Valencia), 3 Kilometres from the sea and in ideal climatic surroundings. From the windows of our new purpose built Secondary building



you can gaze at the Mediterranean, or the mountains of the Sierra Calderona, all against the backdrop of a bright blue sky...always a nice way to start the working day! And to end the day you can always have a relaxing swim in our indoor heated pool, or burn off some energy in our state of the art gym, all free for Caxton colleagues.

The area is easily accessible with the school being situated 19 kms from the thriving city of Valencia, where you can enjoy traditional Tapas and Flamenco, or visit the world famous futuristic Science Park, containing the world's largest aquarium. Valencia's city centre is only twenty minutes away from the school by train, so whether you choose modern city living or the more traditional local lifestyle, there is a Spanish experience to suit everybody.





Our primary aim is to offer a high quality, modern education which adapts to the new social and technological needs catering for pupils from Playgroup through to the Sixth Form. Our determination to fulfil this aim becomes evident when you see our excellent results at both IGCSE and A Level, with a number of our students being invited to interview at both Oxford and Cambridge Universities.

We are proud of our school and our committed team, and we therefore look for individuals who can bring new ideas, but can also adapt to our own particular school ethos.

Does Caxton College sound like the right place for you?

Our Philosophy

As a private co-educational school based on Christian values we aim to provide pupils with the skills necessary to form independent opinions. We promote a whole child approach with an experimental methodology to develop responsible citizens and competent professionals. The understanding of both British and Spanish cultures is fundamental. Parents are encouraged to contribute to their child's education by helping them develop positive intellectual and moral habits.

Our Vision

Caxton College Secondary, a school that values each child as an individual, whilst working together as a community.



Our Core Values



The Caxton Working Day

09:00	Staff Arrive
09:20	Registration
09:40	Lesson 1
10:30	Lesson 2
11:15	Morning Break
11:40	Lesson 3
12:30	Lesson 4
13:20	Lesson 5
14:05	Lunch Break
15:10	Lesson 6
16:00	Lesson 7
16:50	Students Leave
17:00	Staff Leave

The majority of students arrive by bus, so the working day starts a little later.

We run a two week timetable:

Week A

Week B

Lessons are fifty minutes long. In KS4 and KS5 there are some double lessons.

Staff are required to attend one break or lunch duty per week.

Staff Teaching Commitment (Two-week Timetable – 35 lessons per week)

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Level of Responsibility	Number of Teach-	Preparation/Marking Pe-
	ing Periods	riods
Main Scale Teacher	50	20
Main Scale Teacher + Tutor Role	46	24
Head of Small Department	46	24
Head of a Core Subject	42	28
Head of Year	40	30

At Caxton College we believe that in order to deliver the best quality education to our students, teachers require the time to plan and mark effectively. For this reason we are generous with our allocation of non-contact time, giving two lessons per day for a main-scale teacher.

We also highly value our Pastoral System and believe that the relationship between tutors and parents is extremely important, so we give tutors extra non-contact time for this purpose.

Our middle managers, both pastoral and academic, are also given extra non- contact time so that they can continue to monitor and develop their area of responsibility.

What benefits does Caxton offer?

- Permanent contracts.
- Two months' fully paid holiday in July and August.
- INSET opportunities throughout the year.
- A mentor during your first year to help settle you into school life.
- Free places at school for children over the age of 3 for full time colleagues (excluding lunches) and free enrolment in most extracurricular activities.
- A full time member of staff dedicated to help finding accommodation, liaising with service companies and helping with official documentation. This starts before you leave home!
- Two weeks' paid hotel accommodation in Puçol if necessary, while we find colleagues a permanent home.
- Eligibility for the excellent free state medical care offered in Spain. Help in registering at the local surgery, and a translator to accompany you to appointments when necessary.
- A school doctor on site once a week, available for free consultations with colleagues and their families.
- Free private medical care is offered in the case of work related injury or illness.
- A free three course school meal, including a vegetarian option.
- Free Spanish classes twice per week.
- Free use of the heated pool and fitness room. There is a discount for organised classes and the hire of courts or pitches.
- Availability of most items in the school shop at cost price including uniform, computers and laptops, which can be paid for in instalments.
- Child care from 8.00 am until the start of lessons, and from the end of lessons at 5 pm until 6 pm.
- Assistance in opening a bank account and organising direct debits etc. If your salary is paid into Caixa Bank, you benefit from same day clearance of salary, minimal charges for national and international transfers and facilities for bank loans.
- Free consultations with the school legal and financial advisor.
- Discounts from various medical specialists and shops for Caxton College colleagues.
- All teachers are provided with an iPad for work use.



Teacher of Geography

The Geography Department is committed to high standards of teaching and learning.

Geography is a compulsory subject at KS3 and a popular option choice at both KS4 and KS5.

The department has developed a wide range of fieldwork opportunities across the key stages.

We are looking for a dynamic, enthusiastic teacher to deliver this subject within the school.

The Department	3 members of staff led by the Head of Department
Key Stages Taught	KS3, 4 & 5.
Exam Boards	Edexcel IGCSE Edexcel IAL
Resources	All students come equipped with their own text book. KS3 students own the relevant Geog. Oxford book. KS4 and 5 students own the Pearson book associated with their syllabus and have access to the online Kerboodle book. All students and teachers have an individual iPad to use in lessons and at home with access to a variety of Apps A suite of 2 classrooms equipped with a networked computer, projector, Apple TV and a whiteboard. A designated office with access to storage and computer facilities, including a printer. Access to a range of Fieldwork equipment.
Results 2016/2017	IGCSE 86 % A*-C AS Level 82 % A-E
	A2 Level 100% A*- E

Person S	pecification
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Essential	Desirable			
Qualified teacher with honours degree and Qualified Teacher Status	Familiarity with Edexcel iGCSE and Edexcel IAL			
Ability to teach all key stages	Experience as a marker or moderator for the exam board			
Excellent subject knowledge				
Ability to enthuse and motivate learners	Experience of planning and delivering field- work activities			
The ability to reflect constructively on the effectiveness of a lesson	Experience of using Google Apps and iPADs to support educational learning,			
Ability to use AFL strategies to raise attain- ment				
Effective interpersonal and communication skills				
Efficient time management and organisational skills				
Knowledge of best pedagogic practice and strategies to improve teaching and learning				
Awareness of curriculum development issues for Geography				
Excellent ICT skills and clear ideas about how ICT can improve learning				
Highly professional, motivated and positive individual				
Commitment to equality of opportunity				

