**The Geography Department**

Geography is a subject that both inspires and engages the interests of the girls rooted in both the scientific and creative curriculum.

At KS3, we aim to help the girls to understand and enjoy the complexities and beauty of the world around them. Eg: Year 8 students, for example, study Globalisation, while Year 9 students explore Antarctica. At KS3, students have one seventy minute lesson a week. The girls have regular enrichment opportunities, such as designing earthquake proof buildings, or visiting speakers, with animals and insects from tropical rainforests, or scientists who have worked in Antarctica.

Results are excellent at GCSE, with 100% achieving A\*/A in 2017. Well over two thirds of girls continue to study Geography at GCSE and numbers continue to expand - there are currently three classes in Year 10. We follow the AQA syllabus. Girls have two seventy minute lessons a week. Fieldwork is an important part of the course and involves a week long residential trip to Flatford Mill Field Study Centre.

At KS5 we follow the Edexcel syllabus. Girls at KS5 receive two seventy minute lessons and one lesson of one and a half hours. Results are strong each year, 91%A/A\* in 2017 and the Geography Department has a proud tradition of every year girls reading Geography at Oxbridge.

Guest speakers, enrichment days and fieldtrips all play an important role in shaping the girl’s education outside of the classroom. To aid girls’ understanding of different environments, students are offered the opportunity to attend additional fieldtrips, which for the past 6 years has been to Iceland. In 2019 students will be exploring The Azores.

Accommodation and Staff:

There are two good-sized classrooms both equipped with projectors and IWBs. There are excellent IT facilities, with access to ICT suites. There are three members of staff in the department:

* Head of department – full time
* Teacher – full time
* Teacher-part time