**Bedminster Down School – GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT**

We are a very enthusiastic and progressive department made up of one full and one part time colleagues, as well as a dedicated Student Progress Support assistant. This position has arisen, due to increasing numbers of pupils opting for geography at KS4. We have high expectations of our students and as a result our examination results have improved significantly over the past 4 years. Geography is strong at all levels of the school, with currently there being 2 groups in Year 11 and 3 groups in Year 10.

The Geography team is very experienced and forward thinking, working collaboratively to deliver a fantastic curriculum and opportunities for the students. We all work well together and enjoy sharing materials and ideas. All classrooms have digital projectors and computer rooms and the library are available to book. The successful candidate will be well supported and benefit from a strong induction and mentoring programme both within the Geography department and at whole school level.

KS3

In year 7 pupils are taught as part of a mixed Humanities curriculum and have 3 lessons per fortnight. In year 8 pupils have 4 lessons of Geography per fortnight which increases to 7 per fortnight in year 9. Both year 8 and 9 pupils are taught in sets Currently pupils study:

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| Year 7  | Geographical skills  |
| Atlas skills  |
| Year 8  | Weather and Climate  |
|  | Our spectacular planet  |
|  | The Coastal Zone  |
|  | Our Human Planet  |
| Year 9  | Development  |
|  | The Restless Earth  |
|  | Water on the land  |
|  | Keeping the lights on  |
|  | Climate Change |

KS4

Geography is in three option blocks and uptake is good and there are normally 3 groups in each year. We follow the AQA course at GCSE.

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