

TEACHER OF GEOGRAPHY

We are seeking to appoint a Geography teacher to join our successful Geography Department. The successful candidate will add enthusiasm and creativity to the teaching of Geography. They will teach across the full age and ability range and will be required to monitor students' progress carefully in order to help them achieve to the best of their ability.

The Geography Department

Six teachers staff the Geography Department currently. Two full-time and four part-time Geographers deliver the KS3, GCSE, AS and A level courses. Three further colleagues provide enthusiastic input into Key Stage Three courses. The work of the Department is characterised by innovation and experimentation in teaching and learning styles. In addition to research-led ICT tasks, there are a range of enquiry-based learning initiatives and activities based on problem-solving and decision making, Thinking Skills and Assessment for Learning.

The Geography Curriculum

Key Stage Three

Geography is taught to mixed ability groups in Year 7, 8 and 9. The school operates a 10-day timetable of 50 one-hour lessons. Within this cycle, Geography is allocated 4, 4 and 3 hours per fortnight in Years 7, 8 and 9.

Key Stage Four

Geography is an optional subject at Key Stage Four. There are 130 students in 5 groups in Year 10 who have opted for GCSE AQA Syllabus from September 2016. Most students are taught for 4 hours per fortnight which will change to 6 in Year 11, with one group having 6 hours per fortnight which will change to 4 in Year 11. This course includes two fieldwork investigations held in Leeds and at the Holderness Coast. There is also a Geographical Investigations paper to undertake.

In Year 11 there are 111 students in 5 groups who are the final year undertaking the Edexcel B syllabus. This is an issues-based course which encourages the development of geographical skills and has a strong people-environment basis. There is a controlled assessment worth 25% and a decision-making paper to undertake. Fieldwork currently is at the Holderness coast and central Leeds.

Sixth Form

Geography is a popular option choice at AS and A2 level. There are 18 students in Year 12 at present, with 20 in Year 13. Geography is taught for 8 hours per fortnight in Year 12, 8 hours per fortnight in Year 13. In Year 13 the students are completing the Edexcel syllabus. The syllabus focuses on people-environment perspectives, and supports an enquiry-based approach to learning. In Year 12 the students are undertaking the new AQA specification which began in September 2016.

Resources and Accommodation

The department has five well-equipped specialist rooms all with a Smartboard or projector (including a sixth form seminar room). There is a sizeable stock room and the Geography office with work areas for teachers.