**GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT**

**HUMANITIES FACULTY**

We are an experienced and cohesive department that is part of the wider Humanities Faculty (History, Geography, Religious Education and Government & Politics). We are a strong and well-resourced faculty, offering students a challenging and positive learning experience.

We are committed to mixed ability teaching and to maximising opportunities for learning by providing an active, enquiry-based approach so that students can achieve and demonstrate their full potential. Our students thrive on challenge and we use a variety of teaching and learning styles and activities in and outside the classroom including thinking skills, independent fieldwork and research. We work hard to integrate up-to-date, topical and challenging resources and activities into our teaching programmes; uptake of Geography at KS4 is excellent with almost half our students opting for Geography at GCSE.

At Key Stage 3 we teach theme-based and place-based units such as *My Place in the World*, *Down to the River*, *Risky World* and *Changing Asia*. At KS4 we use AQA’s GCSE syllabus which includes the following units: *The Challenge of Natural Hazards, Ecosystems, UK Landscapes (Rivers and Coasts), Urban Issues and Challenges, Changing Economic World and The Challenge of Resource Management.* We have schemes of work in place for all units at KS3 and KS4; these are being continually reviewed and updated and are intended as a supportive guide rather than a ‘prescriptive straitjacket’. We offer A Level Geography (AQA specification). All Y12 students attend a residential fieldwork trip at a study centre on the Norfolk coast to prepare them for their Non-Examined Assessment investigation and our 6th form students attend a range of London-based study visits, events and lectures at the *Royal Geographical Society* as part of their course. A high proportion of our A Level students go on to study Geography at University.

At KS4 and KS3, the department runs a range of trips; all GCSE students take part in local human and physical fieldwork and we run additional study visits and trips (eg. to the Seven Sisters Country Park) throughout the year. KS3 students can attend our biennual residential Geography Activity Weekend and we have run trips abroad in recent years eg. to Iceland and China. We are committed to enthusing and inspiring our students and run regular competitions, reward trips and out-of-lesson experiences.

The successful candidate will be joining a friendly, supportive and forward-looking team and school.

**Lisa Shufflebotham**

**Head of Geography**

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