



GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

Overview

This is an exciting time to join our Geography department. The results of the department are consistently good and we are now targeting GCSE and A Level results above the national average mark in A*-C and A*/A grade results.

The department is made up of the Subject Leader, two full time teachers and the deputy head, who all have experience of teaching the subject up to A Level. It is the aim of the Geography department to be outstanding in all areas.

Learning and Teaching

This is at the heart of all that we do. At the basis of our teaching is the belief that the unique approach of Geography is one that should be accessible to all students through personalised pathways; an approach that follows the school philosophy. We try to provide support for each other and to share our ideas, expertise and experience - new ideas can come from anywhere! The opportunity to develop individual interests is encouraged. Everyone is also encouraged to contribute to discussions on matters of curriculum, philosophy and administration in the department.

Curriculum

At The Coleshill School we believe in offering a personalised pathway to ensure students are able to learn and achieve within a framework of academic rigour.

Key Stage 3

In Year 7 the following topics are studied;

- Map Skills
- Dynamic World
- Coasts
- Mini Study Projects

In Year 8, the following topics are studied;

- Tectonic Hazards
- Population
- Deserts and Rain Forests
- Tourism

Each unit promotes the use of SPIRIT with a wide range of activities completed to promote the independence required to achieve each student's full potential. Levelled assessments are completed every half term together with an end of year test.

Key Stage 4

We have a three year Key Stage 4 with students beginning their KS4 courses in Year 9. In Year 9, we operate a skills based year to prepare them for the two year course structure. The year is divided into a number of topics which are completed throughout the year together with the opportunity to investigate any geographical events that take place. Topics include:

- Brazil
- Migration
- Holocaust
- Mini Controlled Assessment

GCSE

We currently follow the AQA Geography course which consists of 3 examinations;
Human geography (35%) – Urban issues, Economic World and Resource Management
Physical geography (35%) - Tectonic Hazards, Living World and Physical Landscapes
Geography applications (30%) – Pre-released Decision Making and Field work based questions

Post 16

At Post 16 we offer GCE at Geography and follow the AQA syllabus. We are currently linked with the Arthur Terry School to enable us to complete the 4 day residential field trip together.

Extra-Curricular

We passionately believe in bringing Geography to life outside of the classroom as well as within lessons. There are always opportunities for our staff to get involved in trips and projects. The number of trips has been steadily increasing recently which has seen the department run trips to;

- Chamonix and the French Alps
- Prague, Czech Republic
- Krakow / Auschwitz, Poland
- Paris and EuroDisney, France
- Carding Mill Valley (River Study)
- Dorset coastline (Extended Project)