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BURNHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL

THE Geography Department

Department Ethos

Our department is characterised by a strong sense of collaboration and enthusiasm for our subject area and our pupils. We are a close department who support each other and strive to make collaborative decisions about how to advance our subject at the school.

The vision of Burnham Grammar School's geography department is to foster students' love of the subject, through creative learning in the classroom and regular fieldwork opportunities. The department's main aim is to achieve the highest possible standards for all of our pupils. We hope that pupils will enjoy their work in geography and strive to ensure that our curriculum offers a rich and diverse range of learning experiences.

At key stage 3, our study of geography provides a rich assortment of topical areas, including China and Africa as regional studies and rivers and ecosystems as physical geography modules. At Burnham Grammar School, we firmly believe that success at the higher levels is underpinned by a breadth and depth of knowledge at key stage 3, and our exposure to a breadth of geographical content, skills development, and fieldwork ensures this.

The geography department is a very popular and academically successful department, achieving outstanding GCSE results, with 99% of students attaining an A*- C result, 56% of which attained a grade A*/A. Our A-level grades are also excellent, with 100% pass rate and 79% achieving A*-B. We have received awards from the Good Schools' Guide for the best boys A level results for a grammar school for 3 consecutive years within the last 5 years and most recently achieved their award for best girls results in a grammar school.

We currently follow National Curriculum guidelines in years 7 and 8. We teach the new AQA GCSE specification to Years 9 to 11 and at A-level we currently teach the Edexcel syllabus.

Extra-Curricular

We seek to provide extra-curricular opportunities for pupils to engage with Geography in all year groups and so we offer fieldwork opportunities to all students that study geography. Our trips are a mixture of local and regional day visits, with UK residential visits and international visits at A-level. Students are encouraged to have an enquiring mind and these visits provide continual opportunities to learn about the subject in a "hands on" manner, connecting the real world to their classroom based studies.