

Swavesey Village College Geography Department

The Geography Department is a successful and dynamic department in the school, teaching pupils from Year 7 through to Year 11. We always seek to make the subject relevant and exciting, preparing pupils to become responsible global citizens. We consistently share best practice within the team of 5 Geography teachers and the wider Humanities Faculty, which includes History and Ethics, to ensure high quality teaching and learning. We are proud to be a training school and support the development of two trainee teachers every year. Last summer the Geography department achieved a progress score of +0.74 which placed it in the top 9% nationally. The Year before 90% achieved an A*-C and 41% A*-A grade.

Geography at Key Stage 3 –The two-year curriculum incorporates knowledge and skills necessary for success at Key Stage 4 and beyond. It is our intention that all students enjoy Geography and thus achieve their potential as they move through the key stages. We teach a wide variety of topics to give students as broad experience of the subject as possible and each topic lasts for 6 lessons.

Geography at Key Stage 4 – The three-year study of GCSE Geography follows the AQA specification. Within a cohort the classes are mixed ability. Currently 164 students in Year 11, 178 in Year 10 and 156 in Year 9 have opted to take the subject at GCSE. We teach the specification by alternating between human and physical topics and try to teach them when they are topical and in the news.

Outside the Classroom – The Geography department offers residential trips to California and Iceland for GCSE Geographers on alternating years and the Eden Project to Year 8 students annually. We also do day fieldwork trips to the Coast and London for GCSE course. The wider Humanities Faculty offer a range of trips, both in the UK and abroad, including New York and Washington, the Battlefields in Belgium, Duxford Air Museum and Warwick Castle. We also offer a range of revision and intervention sessions after school.

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