



Gravesend Grammar School

Geography Department

We aim to provide an enjoyable and challenging environment where all students are encouraged to be confident, enquiring, independent and interested learners ready to take the opportunities provided in an increasingly interdependent world.

All students follow a bespoke and newly re-designed KS3 geography curriculum in Years 7 and 8. In Year 9 our students study transition topics to help to prepare them for the GCSE course before beginning the GCSE course part way through Year 9. The GCSE exam board is AQA and students complete fieldwork in both Year 9 and Year 10 in preparation for the geographical skills exam.

The Department consistently has two classes per year group at A-Level and the examination board is Edexcel. Students have a separate teacher for Human and Physical Geography and Geographical skills run throughout the two years. For a number of years now students have attended a residential field trip with the FSC. This now serves as preparation for their NEA. At Gravesend Grammar School we are privileged to work with students who are both very capable and enthusiastic about studying Geography. The department is well resourced and all our students study the full two year A level Edexcel course. A-level students currently have nine hours per fortnight of timetabled lessons. The Geography course aims to promote a very detailed knowledge and rigorous understanding of the subject and its application to a world of scenarios. There is a rigorous approach to assessment and feedback with a real opportunity for teacher expertise to be utilised. Expectations of student performance are high and specific help is targeted at individuals and groups where required. There is real opportunity for teachers to make a real difference.

The Department currently has 8 staff members, 5 of which are subject specialists. We are lucky to have teachers in Geography that are a mixture of youth and experience with a wealth of subject expertise. This, therefore, presents an exciting opportunity to have a significant influence in moving Geography in the School forward. A Humanities Lead is currently overseeing the Department and there is potential for somebody to really mould the department and make a difference. There will also be plenty of opportunities to contribute to developments within the whole school, for example, in curriculum development, teaching pedagogy, assessment for learning and tracking progress.

The candidate should be prepared to work closely with colleagues, in a friendly and supportive environment, utilising subject and pedagogical expertise, creativity and innovation to help develop the team. The candidate should also have the enthusiasm and leadership skills to ensure that there is sufficient vigour and rigour in the teaching of Geography.

Gravesend Grammar School provides a positive atmosphere where learning can flourish and where your teaching can develop. This is also a great opportunity to lead a significant contribution to an excellent and improving results profile for the School as a whole.

2020 Geography Examination Results

GCSE	9-7	55.87%	A level	A*/A	25%
	9-5	96.08%		A*-B	58.3%
	9-4	100%		A*-C	87.5%
				A*-E	100%