



Geography at Woking High School

The Geography department at Woking High School works to deepen student knowledge and understanding of the world in which we live and provide a geographical perspective on the many contemporary challenges that exist such as climate change, world population increase and energy choices.

At Woking High School Geography is taught by an enthusiastic team of three specialist teachers with a strong teamwork ethos where teaching ideas and resources are regularly shared. Our curriculum is designed to develop skilful Geography students and we make great use of images, numerical data and geographical information systems. There are detailed schemes of work in place across both key stages which are regularly updated and designed to give students broad understanding of the world around them. Geography is a popular subject in the school with 95 students currently opting to study the subject in Year 10 and 67 students in Year 11.

Fieldwork is an important part of the Geography department. We regularly run a variety of fieldtrips for all year groups to inspire young geographers with hands on experience of topics that have been studied in class. Students have opportunities to study both their local environment, the wider region and we are currently planning our first residential trip to Iceland.

Accommodation

The department is based in three rooms with a central office shared by all Geography staff which provides an excellent facility for sharing best practice. The department is very well resourced with a variety of textbooks, DVD equipment, three interactive whiteboards and a mini suite of computers.

Topics Studied:-

KEY STAGE 3	KEY STAGE 4
Year 7 – volcanoes, Africa, what needs changing on your road fieldwork investigation, rainforests	AQA Geography Year 9 – The Challenge of Natural Hazards
Year 8 – changing China, weather and climate, climate change, urban challenges	Year 10 - Urban Issues and Challenges, Physical Landscapes of the UK, The Changing Economic World
Year 9 – development, energy resources	Year 11 – The Living World, The Challenge of Resource Management

Enrichment Activities

The Geography department also believes in bringing the subject alive and in the past few years have organised several educational visits to support and enrich learning such as to Lulworth Cove and West Wittering.