



Barnhill  
COMMUNITY HIGH  
A SPECIALIST SPORTS & BUSINESS SCHOOL

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# Head of Geography

*Information for applicants*

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE POST

### Background:

Humanities is a thriving Curriculum Area within the school. It currently comprises Geography, History, Sociology, Psychology and Government and Politics. Each subject is currently taught as an independent subject within the school. As the Curriculum Area has become established, numbers have grown dramatically, to become one of the largest Curriculum Areas in the school. Geography and History offer classes from KS3 to KS5. Psychology and Sociology offer classes from KS4 to KS5. We also offer Government and Politics at KS5. We have a range of teachers working within the faculty from ITT, NQT to Assistant Headteachers. We see good teaching and teachers as the cornerstone of a successful department and have fostered a very supportive, professional environment that allows all teachers to develop and feel confident.

### Geography Curriculum Provision:

In Years 7 and 8, all classes are taught in set teaching groups, for four hours a fortnight. We have recently developed a new curriculum based around the changes to KS3 Geography. We aim to provide a broad knowledge base combined with a wide skill set. The work in years 7-8 is designed to lead directly into the GCSE work covered from year 9. Topics covered include various aspects of the UK, development and Africa, rivers and energy.

KS4 is taught over three years with 5 hours a fortnight in each year, students are taught in mixed ability groups. We currently offer the AQA syllabus. We have developed a range of units of work to match the new requirements of GCSE Geography, including the physical landscapes of the UK, the challenge of natural hazards and the changing economic world. We currently complete a 4 day fieldtrip every year to Cromer on the Norfolk coast. Each unit has two assessments to be completed and progress is recorded and analysed using the Go4 schools package.

KS5 follows the AQA syllabus. It is a popular option at sixth form. Units of work have recently been written to match the new requirements of the geography A level course. We complete the physical units coastal systems and hazards and the human unit changing places in year 12. The remaining units are completed in year 13 including glacial landscapes and global governance. Fieldwork currently comprises of two day trips in year 12—an urban study across the central line and a psammosere study of Studland Bay. The remaining fieldwork is taken at Cromer, where students complete their own independent investigation.

### Staffing:

Each subject within the Humanities Curriculum Area has a Teacher who is responsible for their subject. The current leadership of the Curriculum Area is made up of a Head of Humanities (currently a Geography specialist), two Deputy Heads of Humanities who are also subject leaders. The remainder of the Humanities Team is made up of teachers with a wide range of experiences and responsibilities (including members of the senior leadership team and main scale teachers). There are 10 teachers within Humanities in addition an Administrative Officer is available to undertake a wide range of tasks from administration, organisation of events and activities. All teachers are based within their own room in the Humanities area, each teaching room has an interactive whiteboard as well as traditional whiteboards. In addition there is an extensive collection of teaching resources available including laptops.

### Extra Curricular:

The Humanities Curriculum Area believe it is important to offer opportunities to consolidate and extend student's learning. Currently, there are a variety of extra curricular activities which we are or have been associated with including Model United Nations, World Challenge and BBC school report. There are a variety of trips at KS3, KS4 and KS5; both day and residential, national and international that are run. We also enter several national competitions annually and run a series of extracurricular interventions for a range of students.

## SUPPORTING AND DEVELOPING OUR STAFF:

At Barnhill Community High we believe that our staff are our most valuable resource. For this reason we provide a wide range of ways to support and develop all members of our team. Each member of staff is valued and provided with opportunities for their career to develop.

### All staff can benefit from:

- Childcare Voucher Scheme
- Cycle Scheme
- Strong and clear line management
- Good leadership and team spirit within Curriculum Areas
- Clear roles and responsibilities
- Access to training opportunities within school, within London networks and nationally
- Career development posts created every year and good support for Threshold Applications
- Excellent admin and teaching assistant teams in operation
- All Curriculum Areas have dedicated suites of accommodation with excellent facilities
- Access to on site gym facilities

### HELPING WITH HOUSING FOR TEACHING STAFF

- First Steps London can provide information on New Build Homebuy (formerly known as Shared Ownership), a 'part buy/part rent' opportunity and other affordable housing schemes.

Contact details are:

[www.firststepslondon.org](http://www.firststepslondon.org)

Telephone number 0203 535 2760

Email: [firststeps@mht.co.uk](mailto:firststeps@mht.co.uk)



The school will do everything it can to support and promote your participation in one of the above schemes.



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