

About the Geography Department



The Geography Department is a small team of highly dedicated teachers. We aim to make the Geography Department an exciting place to be, where students look forward to their Geography lessons each week. We challenge our pupils and lead them to gain a real appreciation of the world around them. We are passionate about the teaching and learning of Geography, constantly strive to achieve strong outcomes for all students, and provide rigorous and varied learning experiences both in and out of school.

The Department is fully committed to delivering high quality fieldwork locally and further afield. Key Stage 3 pupils complete fieldwork around the school site. Key Stage 4 pupils complete two days' fieldwork in Epping Forest and the Olympic area in Stratford. Key Stage 5 students visit Spain to investigate coasts, tectonics and urban regeneration. A very popular trip to Iceland runs every two years. The department is looking to establish further local and international trips in future years.

At KS3, students in Year 7 have three lessons per fortnight and students in Year 8 and 9 have four lessons per fortnight. The KS3 course is regularly reviewed to ensure the best progression possible to GCSE level, where we currently follow the OCR GCSE specification. Geography is one of the most popular option choices at GCSE with three groups in Year 10 and three groups in Year 11. Students enjoy the subject and a high standard of teaching and learning across the department has ensured excellent GCSE results over the past years.

Teaching takes place in dedicated Geography classrooms in the newest part of the school, each with whiteboards, a desktop PC, and a projector. The Geography Department is well-resourced with textbooks, atlases, globes, fieldwork equipment and electronic resources. New technologies such as apps that assist with fieldwork are embraced.

The Geography Department is seeking a well-qualified and enthusiastic Geography teacher who is passionate about delivering high quality Geography lessons and can instill in pupils a sense of awe and wonder about the world. The successful candidate will collaborate with the Head of Department, who joined the school in September 2023, to bring fresh perspectives and ideas to the existing Geography curriculum. A key focus for the department in 2023-2024 is to offer more fieldwork opportunities at KS3 and to help establish a programme of extra-curricular opportunities including competitions, trips and talks to connect our students to real-life Geographers!