**Geography Department**

The structure of the Geography department is currently; a subject leader and 3 subject teacher responsible for teaching Geography across key stages 3 to 5.

**Curriculum**

**Key stage 3**

Students study the following:-

Year 7

Our place in the world

Exploring the UK

Watery World

Africa

Year 8

South American (tropical rainforest)

Plate Tectonics

Resource management (food and energy)

Asia (TNCs and Globalisation)

Tourism

**Key stage 4**

In year 9 students start a three year GCSE course, studying the AQA specification.

In year 9, students study Hazards: Plate Tectonics, Water and Climate, Climate Change, UK Physical Landscapes, Costal Landscapes, River Landscapes. Physical fieldwork – Changes in river characteristics with distance downstream (River Wharfe, Kettlewell & Yorkshire Dales).

In year 10, students study Resource Management – Option Water. Issue Evaluation – Abingdon Reservoir. Living World – option Hot deserts. Urban issues and challenges. Human Fieldwork – Urban regeneration – Salford Quays.

In year 11, students study Economic Work and Pre-release

**Key stage 5**

Students follow the AQA specification at this level too and teaching is generally split between two or three teachers.

From September 2017 all A Level students will study the new specification.

**Year 12**

Students study ‘Water and the Carbon cycle’, ‘Changing Places’ and ‘Hazards’.

Students visit the Cranedale Centre in North Yorkshire for a 2 day residential aimed at developing their knowledge and understanding of fieldwork techniques which they can then apply to their Independent Investigation.

**Year 13**

Students study ‘Coastal systems and Landscapes’, ‘Global systems and global governance’, and ‘Contemporary Urban Environments’.

Students will do a further 2 days of fieldwork linked to ‘Coastal systems’ and ‘Contemporary Urban Environments’.