


MYTON  SCHOOL
DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION
THE GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

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There are five full-time Teachers and one part time teacher in the team which is led by Mrs Mandy Hughes, Head of Department.

TEACHING PHILOSOPHY

Our department is dedicated to teaching and learning. We want to enthuse and inspire students to love both Geography and learning. We want to instil a lifelong legacy where students are curious about different places, understand their role as a global citizen and appreciate the natural world. We work collaboratively as a team and are committed to the professional development of the department, and making sure we teach relevant Geography using the newest most innovative teaching methods.

FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

Geography lessons are predominantly taught by subject specialists, in five dedicated Geography classrooms, each of a very good size with Smart Boards. We have a range of resources which are used within the department to enhance teaching and learning. We have access to the 10 bookable ICT suites for use in lessons and when using GIS.

FIELDWORK

Fieldwork is an essential part of the Myton Geography curriculum featuring across all three Key Stages. Students in Year 10 complete two fieldtrips as part of the physical and human fieldwork integrated within the Edexcel B GCSE specification. In Year 12 all students spend 3 days completing fieldwork in both Wales and the Peak District on two separate residential trips. Y13 have also recently experienced lectures run through the GA network. We are a department that values fieldwork and a hands-on experience.

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

Students in our last Year 11 cohort achieved 47.2% 9-6, and 58.3% 9-5. Year 13 results have been consistently good over the last 5 years, with last year achieving 100% A*-C grades.

THE CURRICULUM

Key Stage 3 & 4

Students in Year 7 and 8 are usually taught in mixed ability classes, and we see them three times a fortnight. At the beginning of Year 9 students move to their option subjects for a three year Key Stage 4 where contact time is increased to five periods a fortnight.

We are a successful and popular department. Our options numbers are very high with around 400 students in Years 9-11 studying the GCSE and a further large cohort of Year 8s to join the subject at KS4 level in the next academic year. We are eligible to be considered the largest Geography department in the country.

Key Stage 5

Currently we have two classes of Year 12 and two of Year 13. Clearly this is a very exciting time in terms of the Geography curriculum and also in the opportunities the subject brings. We are one of the most popular options choices due to the quality of the Geography experience at KS3 and 4.

WHY JOIN US?

We are looking for someone who is equally as passionate about teaching as we are, and can bring a creative dynamic to the department.