

The Geography Department at Becket Keys Church of England School

The team

We currently have 3 full time Geography teachers, all very experienced in their field and achieving outstanding results. A small number of KS3 lessons are delivered by non-specialist teachers, the department has excellent resources which support non-specialists and enables staff to deliver good quality first teaching.



Teaching area

Geography lessons are mainly delivered in a suite of rooms in our new Justin Welby Building, above the Sixth Form area. All Geography teachers have their own rooms in our beautiful building alongside other humanities subjects. The rooms are equipped with interactive whiteboards and PCs and local printers.

Curriculum, Assessment & Student Groupings

Geography is taught in a variety of mixed ability groups. Class sizes average at 29 across KS3. Students have two 50-minute Geography lessons per fortnight at KS3 and six 50-minute lessons at KS4. All Russell Education Trust (RET) schools use the same examination board (AQA) to allow us to share schemes of work (SOW) and resources. Our Schemes of Work aim to deliver an engaging and enriching experience for our students. One that helps them make sense of the world around them and their place in it.

Our schemes aim to develop an understanding of the wider world view, to understand the processes and interactions that occur to make the world we see before us; how it is and will how it will change in the future.

We are continually revisiting schemes of work in light of new GCSEs and A Levels; we aim to build our resources to support students who select A Level Geography. Consistent numbers of students are selecting the subject; we have a good number in Year 12 and 13 and an increasing uptake at GCSE. We are hoping that this trend will continue as students enjoy learning about their world at Becket Keys.



Professional Development

We take our CPD seriously, as all of us can develop our generic and subject-specific expertise. Department meetings focus on sharing ideas, moderating assessments and

improving our resources. We benefit from work scrutiny, learning walks, and longer observations by RET advisors and our senior team, which help us focus on what works well and where we need to adjust our practice. The RET Geography network provides opportunities for Trust-wide training, and for meeting our counterparts in the four other RET schools.