

# TORQUAY GIRLS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL

## The Geography Department



Thank you for your interest in applying for the position of Head of Geography at TGGs. The position has become available due to the internal promotion of the current Head of Geography. This is an opportunity to lead a successful, committed, experienced and enthusiastic department. Geography at TGGs is a very popular choice both at GCSE and at A Level. Currently there are 5 groups at A level and 8 groups at GCSE. In 2021 more than 50% of GCSE students opted for A level. There are 3 specialist geography rooms and the department is well-resourced with fieldwork equipment and textbooks. 2019 results were outstanding, 43% of students achieved a grade 9 at GCSE and our ALPS score was 1. At A level 96% students achieved an A\*-B grade with an ALPS score of 3.

The Geography Department enjoys high attainment at both GCSE and A Level. A significant number of students go on to pursue Geography and Geography related courses at university, emphasising the popularity of the subject and ongoing enjoyment of lessons across all year groups.

We teach the AQA specification at both GCSE and A level. The department prides itself on its teaching, learning and enthusiasm for the subject. Being up to date with curriculum developments and commitment to extra-curricular opportunities is an essential trait for the successful candidate to have.



The department likes to offer students a wide variety of opportunities, both in school and beyond. We are active members of the South Devon Geographical Association, and our GCSE and A level students have the opportunity to attend and participate in lectures and workshops relevant to their studies. We have held field trips in Iceland, Italy and Croatia to name a few.

We also offer many local field trips across all year groups, including the National Marine Aquarium, the South Devon coast and Dartmoor. We are also committed to the compulsory fieldwork element at GCSE and A level, currently taking students to a wide variety of both human and physical locations. Currently A level students have the opportunity to undertake residential fieldwork in the Lake District or South Devon and Manchester.

The department promotes the sharing of ideas and resources and is well equipped with technology. We are currently developing systems to further share resources and lesson planning. We also have links with other schools in the local area and within the SWAT group, and are keen to share resources where possible.



If you have any further questions, please contact the current Head of Department, Tania Grigg ([tgrigg@tggsacademy.org](mailto:tgrigg@tggsacademy.org)).