



**KING EDWARD VI
CAMP HILL
SCHOOL FOR BOYS**



GEOGRAPHY TEACHER
Information for Applicants

January 2024



GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHOOL

King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Boys is a selective state school; it is a member of the King Edward VI Academy Trust in Birmingham, which is a group of twelve schools, six of which academically select their pupils. These schools, together with two independent schools, form the King Edward's Foundation. The school moved from the inner city to its present location on the former Cartland Estate in 1956. Kings Heath is a pleasant suburb in South Birmingham with easy access to the M42, M40, M5 and M6 motorways, to Stratford and to the Warwickshire/Worcestershire countryside. In recent years, we have benefited from a new Sports Hall, Library, laboratories, classrooms and Sixth Form Common Room.

There are 1021 students on roll, of whom 331 are in the Sixth Form. The school admits 120 students (150 in the current Year 7, 8 & 10; likely 150 in next year's Year 7) a year at the age of 11. Nearly all of the students stay on at the school to the age of 18 and proceed into Higher Education. Academic standards are very high – in 2023 the percentage of GCSEs passed at grades 8 and 9 was 74%. At A Level the percentage of exams passed at A*-B was 83%. 8 students won Oxbridge places this year (September 2023 entry) and currently 23 students are holding offers for September 2024.

The most recent OFSTED visit, in November 2023, graded the school as Outstanding in all areas.

THE GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

Staffing:

Mr C Butcher (Head of Department)

Mr S Brear (D of E Coordinator)

Miss D Marston (Head of Beaufort House)

Accommodation:

Most lessons are taught across two spacious Geography teaching rooms that are equipped with projectors and smart boards. In addition, the department has the use of laptops to book when required. Each member of staff is provided with a laptop. We are fortunate to benefit from extensive grounds, including playing fields and mixed woodland, which is utilised for KS3 fieldwork.



Curriculum:

The Geography Department is an enthusiastic and successful department which places academic challenge and independent thinking at its core. Geography is taught from Years 7-13. The forward thinking KS3 curriculum reflects the rigors of the GCSE and A-Level course whilst incorporating development within pedagogical research. We place an emphasis on developing skills, knowledge retention and revision techniques and we are continuing to develop and implement our pedagogy, with a focus on metacognitive techniques such as knowledge-condensing, dual coding and concept mapping. We aim to be a lead department in developing pedagogy in the school.

Year 7 pupils have three 60 minute lessons per fortnight and Years 8 and Year 9 pupils have two lessons per fortnight. We run on site fieldwork opportunities for Year 7 and 8 with external opportunities including Cadbury World in Year 9 and the Lapworth Museum in lower school. We run a number of extra-curricular projects including a model volcano project in Year 7, popular with those looking to show their creative flair.

At KS4, Geography is a very popular option subject with four groups in each of Years 10 and 11 following the EdExcel B specification. Textbooks are provided and pupils have five lessons per fortnight. The two-year course includes field trips to the Carding Mill Valley in Shropshire to study river processes and flood risks, and to the Stratford Road in Birmingham to study socioeconomic trends along the rural-urban continuum. Most GCSE students subscribe to WideWorld Magazine to further enhance their knowledge and understanding of recent geographical events and to support their exam technique and skills toolkit.

At A-Level students follow the EdExcel specification. Uptake is good, with between 20 and 30 boys opting for the subject. The A-Level is taught by Mr Butcher, Mr Brear and Miss Marston. Boys are provided with a full set of textbooks and Top-Spec study books. Most also subscribe to the Geography Review magazine. We have a growing collection of books in our Geography library; this is a popular resource for boys studying Geography, Politics or

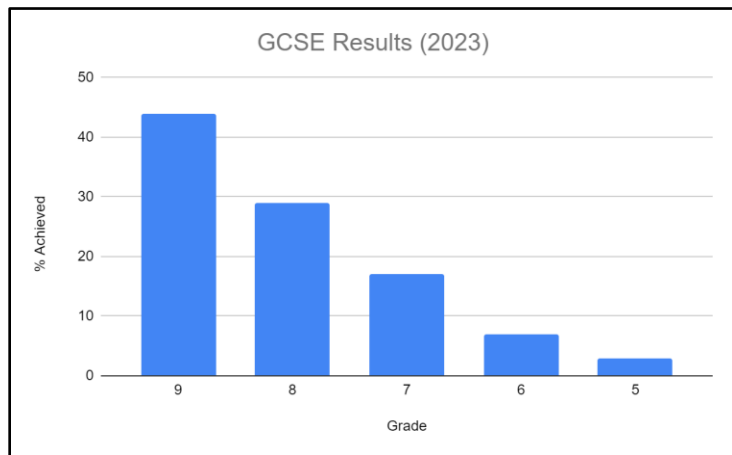
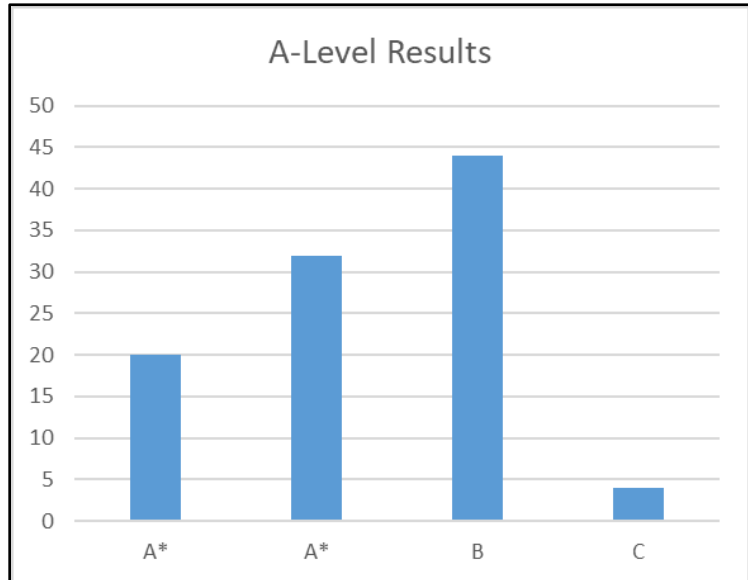


Economics, particularly those considering studying Geography and related subjects at undergraduate level. We provide extensive support for those applying to university and have had a strong record of boys getting into top universities in recent years, including Durham, Oxford, Cambridge, Manchester and UCL.

There are nine lessons across a fortnight. The A-Level course includes a four-day field trip to North Wales to develop the fieldwork skills necessary for the independent investigation which begins in Year 13. We also take students to events such as the GIS conference run by the local GA branch, and offer a wide range of other curriculum-relevant talks run by the GA, including a recent talk on 'Hipstification' in East London by Professor Alistair Owens of Queen Mary's London.

The ethos within the department is a belief in a balanced curriculum and evidence-based teaching methods. We have embraced recent developments in pedagogy and new technology in equal measure. We aim to enthuse the pupils by building on our personal strengths and passions for our subject and are looking for someone who shares these values and has a genuine interest in the subject and a desire to learn more throughout their career. The high ability of our students means that much of the learning is accelerated and applicants should be confident in their ability to stretch and challenge the most able of pupils.

Results in public examinations have been very pleasing with 96% achieving A*-B at A-Level and 97% achieving 9-7 at GCSE in summer 2023.



THE POST

The post becomes available due to the career change of one member of the department. We are seeking suitably qualified candidates who are enthusiastic classroom practitioners with a proven track-record of success. They may be recently qualified or more experienced teachers. They should ideally also be able and willing to make a contribution to the extra-curricular programme of the school.

A generic job description is attached.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Candidates are asked to complete the application form and attach a letter of application giving examples of achievements, skills and experience which match those sought in the job description provided by the school. These documents should be sent to the Headmaster as soon as possible, but by no later than **9.00 am on Tuesday 20th February**. Interviews are scheduled to take place in the week beginning 26th February.

Please do not hesitate to email (headspa@camphillboys.bham.sch.uk) if you require any further information. Camp Hill Boys is a happy, flourishing and friendly community as well as an outstandingly successful grammar school. I look forward to receiving your application.

R W Bowen
Headmaster