



Matravers School Geography

The Department

The Geography Department has a strong commitment to high-quality teaching, curriculum integrity, and inclusive outcomes for all pupils.

The department currently comprises three full-time Geography teachers, supported by non-specialist colleagues at Key Stage 3. Collaboration, shared planning, and clear curricular intent underpin the department's work across all key stages.

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic, ambitious, and well-qualified Geography teacher who is keen to contribute to the ongoing development of the department and to secure strong outcomes for pupils at GCSE and A Level.

Resources and Facilities

The Geography Department takes a curriculum-first approach, prioritising strong subject knowledge and high-quality classroom practice. A key mantra of the department is “to think like a Geographer”, with a clear emphasis on disciplinary thinking and geographical literacy.

Curricular Provision

Key Stage 3

At Key Stage 3, the department follows the Ark Mastery Geography Curriculum in full. Teachers have access to complete lesson planning, resources, and assessments, ensuring a coherent, knowledge-rich curriculum with clear sequencing and high expectations for all pupils.

Students receive four Geography lessons per fortnight. Teaching is underpinned by strong subject knowledge, deliberate practice, and regular retrieval, with a clear focus on building the foundations required for success at GCSE and beyond.

Key Stage 4 (GCSE)

There are currently five classes in Year 10 and four classes in Year 11, with class sizes typically between 25–30 pupils. All pupils follow the OCR GCSE Geography B specification.

Key Stage 5 (A Level)

At A Level, the department delivers the Edexcel Geography specification. Class sizes vary year on year as the subject continues to develop.

Enrichment and Fieldwork

Fieldwork is a core entitlement within Geography and is clearly distinguished from enrichment trips:

- GCSE pupils complete required human and physical fieldwork to support examination preparation.
- Enrichment opportunities are offered across the key stages, including a Key Stage 3 trip in Year 9.
- The department currently offers an international visit to Italy.
- An A Level residential fieldwork experience is also offered.