



GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

The Geography Department is a successful department with 3 members of staff who all work varying degrees of part-time. We work closely, collaboratively and very effectively together. The head of department responsibility is currently shared between 2 staff members. We fully subscribe to the school's research-based approach to professional development and are passionate about wellbeing and work-life balance as well as sharing our love for Geography!

Under normal circumstances the department has two specialist classrooms, an office and storeroom. However, due to COVID-19 guidelines teachers are currently moving around the school to teach classes, with students remaining in their own bubbles/classrooms. All classrooms in the school are equipped with interactive whiteboards and visualisers. We subscribe to various packages including 'Internet Geography' and 'Digimaps for Schools' in order to provide the most effective provision for our students.

Geography is taught in mixed ability groups across the age range. For Key Stage 3 the department makes good use of resources produced in-house and of the Geography.123 series of textbooks where appropriate.

At Key Stage 4 Geography is a popular option; the department follows the AQA syllabus.

On average approximately 40 students study Geography at A level in Years 12 and 13, within the Beverley Joint Sixth. Teaching is shared with colleagues at Beverley Grammar School. The students follow the AQA syllabus.

We believe that fieldwork is an essential aspect of the curriculum and have developed opportunities for all year groups to participate in fieldwork activities.

The department also recognises the value of promoting Geography through curriculum residential experiences, leading visits to Sorrento, Sicily and most recently, Iceland.

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