



GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

The Geography Department is a successful and well-established team of two members of staff who work closely, collaboratively and highly effectively together. We fully subscribe to the school's research-informed approach to professional development and are passionate about sharing our enthusiasm for Geography.

Staffing

- Head of Department – Mrs Nicola Harriott
- Teacher of Geography – Mrs Bethany Harrison

The department benefits from two specialist classrooms, as well as a dedicated office and storeroom. All classrooms across the school are equipped with interactive whiteboards and visualisers. We are members of the Geographical Association and subscribe to a range of resources, including *Digimap for Schools*, to support high-quality teaching and learning. At A Level, we also make use of ArcGIS to support the NEA.

Geography is taught in mixed-ability groups across all key stages. At Key Stage 3, the department makes effective use of in-house resources alongside the *Geography.123* textbook series where appropriate.

At Key Stage 4, the department follows the OCR B specification.

At Key Stage 5, approximately 20 students study Geography each year across Years 12 and 13 in the Beverley Joint Sixth. Teaching is shared with colleagues at Beverley Grammar School. Students follow the AQA specification.

We believe that fieldwork is an essential component of the curriculum and have developed opportunities for all year groups to participate in a range of fieldwork activities. Current fieldwork locations include York, Withernsea, Dalby Forest and Scarborough.

The department also recognises the importance of promoting Geography beyond the classroom through extra-curricular activities. We run a popular lunchtime "Geoggers" Club and are exploring the introduction of a biannual residential trip to Iceland to enhance students' understanding of tectonic environments, sustainability and related careers.

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