



Devonport High School For Boys

Teacher of Geography

The Department

The Geography Department at DHSB is dynamic, enthusiastic and innovative. The team aims to engage students in developing a sense of place, explore different societies and cultures and to enable them to consider the roles and responsibilities in preserving our planet. We have a strongly embedded culture of digital learning alongside more traditional approaches. Wherever the timetable allows, each member of the department teaches a selection of classes from across the full range of age and ability groups.

The Curriculum

We aim to foster a sense of curiosity and creativity across all Key Stages. Students are taught Geography in tutor groups at KS3 and have three hours a fortnight. We have designed this curriculum to consider Geography of the UK in Year 7 and then move to a wider lens after that. Next year at GCSE we will have over 250 students following the AQA Specification, studying topics such as Natural Hazards and Challenge of Resource Management, but our rationale is to deepen understanding and allow our students to be critical and independent learners

We are a very popular and successful subject at A level with around 40-50 students opting to take Geography. We teach AQA at A Level and teach modules including Hazards and Changing Places. Teaching greater independent study skills is important and helps develop enquiring minds resulting in strong relationships and a strong collaborative learning environment.

Fieldwork

Fieldwork is a critical part of the Geography curriculum and we give as many opportunities as possible to our students to access and experience fieldwork. At KS3 these are local trips to explore the Geography of our local area. At GCSE these link directly with the specification but we also try to broaden experiences. At A Level we ensure residential fieldwork in order to prepare students for the NEA. Experience in this area is desirable. We are currently running a regular trip to Iceland and are looking at trips in Asia and Europe.

Results

In 2024 students gained 100% 4-9 at GCSE with 58% getting A*/A. At A Level a100% gained A*-E with 60% getting A* - B.

The Post

The post would suit a passionate, enthusiastic and innovative teacher with a strong work ethic ready to work in a collaborative environment who has a desire to have a lasting impact on the lives of young people.

Further Information

Please visit our weekly Head's Blog at <https://www.dhsb.org/heads-blog> and the school's X account @dhsboys to read more about our recent activities.