



Our Motto is "The Pursuit of Excellence"

Wootton Academy Trust

Wootton Upper School and Kimberley 16 - 19 College (in the nearby village of Stewartby), are both operated by Wootton Academy Trust [WAT]. The two institutions are 3 miles apart and linked by a shuttle bus.

WAT is ambitious and its vision is to provide outstanding education in all of its component parts.

Wootton Upper School, with 900 pupils across Years 9 -11, was rated good by Ofsted in November 2017. Results across the core subjects are very high. Progress 8 was 0.13 in 2017; 0.26 in 2018 and 0.2 in 2019.

Most of its pupils come from two local middle schools.

Kimberley 16 - 19 College has 650 students. In September 2023 this will rise to 700. Around 175 pupils in each year group join the College from Wootton Upper School; the rest join from other local schools.

Kimberley is rated as good by Ofsted with outstanding for Personal Development, Behaviour and Well-being. The College has regularly featured in the Sunday Times list of the top Sixth Form Colleges in the UK based on the proportion of students getting 2As and 1B or better in facilitating subjects. In 2019 Kimberley College was ranked as the 14th highest Sixth Form College in the UK.

The Geography Department

Wootton Academy Trust's Geography Department delivers National Curriculum Geography to all Year 9 pupils three hours per fortnight. Currently, in Key Stage 4 pupils study the AQA specification, and at A level, students follow the Edexcel specification. There are six classes in Year 10 and six classes in Year 11. At A level there is one class in Year 12 and one class in Year 13.

In September 2022 the department will consist of:

- The Head of Geography
- plus, four teachers of Geography [two full-time, one part-time and the Head of College at Kimberley]

The Geography Department at Wootton Upper School is located in its own block overlooking the playing fields. There are three classrooms and storage space. A level Geography is taught in a dedicated classroom at Kimberley College.

Prior to the Covi-19 pandemic there were regular field trips including A Level residential trips to South Wales and to the Peak District. At GCSE, recent field work has taken place near Cromer, Norfolk.

There are good links with both local middle schools: the two middle schools and the upper school meet together termly to work collaboratively on Key Stage 3 Geography. The Geography Department works closely with both the History and Philosophy and Religious Studies Departments. The Heads of Department meet together as a Local Area with the same Line Manager.