**GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT**

**HUMANITIES FACULTY**

We are an experienced and cohesive department that is part of the wider Humanities Faculty (History, Geography, Religious Education and Government & Politics). We are a strong and well-resourced faculty, offering students a challenging and positive learning experience.

We are committed to mixed ability teaching and to maximising opportunities for learning by providing an active, enquiry-based approach so that students can achieve and demonstrate their full potential. Our students thrive on challenge and we use a variety of teaching and learning styles and activities in and outside the classroom including thinking skills, independent fieldwork and research. We work hard to integrate up-to-date, topical and challenging resources and activities into our teaching programmes; uptake of Geography at KS4 is excellent with almost half our students opting for Geography at GCSE.

At Key Stage 3 we teach theme-based and place-based units such as *My Place in the World*, *Down to the River*, *Risky World* and *Changing Asia*. At KS4 we use AQA’s GCSE syllabus which includes the following units: *The Challenge of Natural Hazards, Ecosystems, UK Landscapes (Rivers and Coasts), Urban Issues and Challenges, Changing Economic World and The Challenge of Resource Management.* We have schemes of work in place for all units at KS3 and KS4; these are being continually reviewed and updated and are intended as a supportive guide rather than a ‘prescriptive straitjacket’. We offer A Level Geography (AQA specification). Our 6th form students attend a range of field trips, study visits, events and lectures at the *Royal Geographical Society* as part of their course. A high proportion of our A Level students go on to study Geography at University.

The successful candidate will be joining a friendly, supportive and forward-looking team and school.

**Lisa Shufflebotham**

**Head of Geography**

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