**HELSBY HIGH SCHOOL**

**Geography**

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and highly motivated teacher of Geography. The successful candidate should be able to teach Geography at KS3, GCSE and A Level. Collaboration is the norm and colleagues work together to share expertise and guidance in this highly successful department.

The Geography department is a high achieving department and performance data is significantly above the national average. The department consists of four full time members of staff. There are 4 Geography classrooms, all equipped with data projectors. The department is extremely well resourced with teaching materials and field work equipment.

All students in Year 7, 8 and 9 have three hours of Geography per fortnight. Students are taught in mixed ability classes at both KS3 and KS4. Geography is one of the most popular option subjects at KS4 and students follow the OCR A syllabus at GCSE. Uptake at GCSE level is very high; there are currently five option groups in Year 10 and six groups in Year 11. Students receive 5 one hour lessons per fortnight.

At KS5 there are currently are two classes in Year 12 and one class in Year 13. Students follow the AQA syllabus. Students in Sixth Form have 9 hours per fortnight of teaching time.

Fieldwork is an integral part of the curriculum. Several field trips are organised each academic year, including a river study in Year 10 and trips to Delamere Forest and Formby Point in Year 12. Experience of organising and/or taking part in field studies would be desirable.

The Geography department is highly motivated, employs a range of innovative approaches to teaching and learning. Students in the school have an overwhelmingly positive attitude to Geography. The opportunity exists to be very creative and to stretch and challenge students of very high ability.

Please visit the Geography section of the school website for further information and details about the department.

Mr A Mellors

Department Leader