

Geography Department

The King Edward VI School geography department is a well-established, enthusiastic and forward thinking department. We are a strong and well-resourced team and pride ourselves on creating engaging and contemporary lesson ideas across the key stages.

We teach mixed ability lessons across all years and are firm believers in 'living through' geography and applying our own knowledge and experiences to the subject in order to develop students understanding. Our main aim is to ensure students' progress to achieve their potential whether this is lesson by lesson or with a more long term focus. In addition, we aim to develop students thinking skills throughout the key stages to ensure they are challenged over time. We hope to provide students with an enjoyable learning experience using a wide range of mediums including getting students out of the classroom to experience what they are learning about.

Geography is a popular subject within the school throughout all year groups and we have excellent uptake at GCSE with over 100 students opting to take the subject as a GCSE option. We usually teach either 4 or 5 option groups at Key Stage 4. In addition, we also have a strong uptake at Key Stage 5 with roughly a third of our Key Stage 4 students carrying the subject through to A-Level. At Key Stage 3 we cover a wide range of human and physical topics such as Geographical skills, rivers, ecosytems, hazards, population, development and conflict. Our KS4 and KS5 schemes of work link to the AQA specifications.

A-level students currently undertake a four day residential at a field studies centre in the Lake District in order to enhance their understanding of the current specification and collect the data required for the NEA. We also take their year 10 on data collection trips and also on a week-long residential in the summer term; in recent years this has been to Iceland. We are committed to expanding the options we provide students for out of lesson experiences. The successful candidate will join a supportive, successful and innovative department.