



FURTHER DETAILS OF OUR GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT STRUCTURE

St Thomas More Catholic Academy has a fully staffed well qualified Geography department. Our department is currently adapting to the demands of the new curriculum and the challenges of life without levels. We are part of the wider Stoke Schools Network which is working collaboratively to improve the outcomes for students across the city.

The department consists of:

Mr Jack Steele	Head of Department
Mr Giles Millington	Teacher of Geography/Assistant Head of Key Stage
Miss Leanne Jones	Teacher of Geography
Mrs Rebecca Maher	Teacher of Geography (P/T)

CURRICULUM

In KS3 students are grouped according to their ability and they follow our Key Stage 3 syllabuses which include topics such as *Extreme Ecosystems*, *Our Divided World* and *Our Restless Earth*. At KS4 and 5 students are placed in mixed ability groups following AQA courses. These schemes of work are complementary to our KS3 and KS5 extends learning at KS4. Although the way in which we use the scheme of work is continually being adapted to reflect fieldwork choices and skills to help prepare students for the challenges of the new 2016 curriculum of which we started with our Year 9 in September.

The department at present offers:

- GCSE Geography
- AS Geography
- A2 Geography

ACCOMMODATION

The majority of lessons are taught in the Angela block and the close proximity of classrooms allow for interaction between teachers and students. All classrooms benefit from plasma screens and access to lap top technologies for the completion of independent research, assignments and use of GIS programmes such as Google Earth.

AIMS

Our department has recently renewed our Secondary Geography Quality Mark. We are a reflective department with a shared vision. We aim to:



- Be the best Geography Department we can possibly be.
- Build a unique and exciting learning community that goes beyond the curriculum.
- Foster a spirit of enquiry and the 'need to know' amongst our students.
- Share good practice to support a coherent approach to teaching and learning.
- Nurture links with other departments across Stoke-on-Trent to foster a sense of collaboration and support.
- Enable each person's continued personal and professional development.

This is an exciting time to join our department as we continue grow and strengthen as a team to face the future challenges ahead in the geography curriculum.



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