**Geography**

**Approach**

Geography is an exciting and challenging subject that highlights a range of important global issues.  We aim to give students a variety of opportunities to explore a wide range of Geographical topics, at a range of scales from local, national to global levels.  Students are introduced to important topics that will enable them to have a clear understanding of the world around them.

At KS3 level, students develop their curiosity of the world around them by investigating the world’s seven continents, as well as the UK.  In each unit of work, students uncover a variety of human, physical and environmental topics.  This provides students with a detailed flavour of contemporary geographical issues, whilst exposing students to the more traditional topics.  In Year 7 students start off by developing their Geographical skills and in Year 8 students are given the opportunity to carry out some local fieldwork.

At KS4, students follow the GCSE AQA specification.  This allows students to further develop their geographical understanding at a range of scales.  Students take part in two days of fieldwork.  Students’ geographical skills and exam technique are developed through challenging lessons and effective assessments.

At KS5, students follow the A Level AQA specification.  Lessons follow a tutorial format with much discussion and students regularly presenting to their peers.  Independent research is an expectation.  In addition, students carry out their Non-Examined Assessment element of the course.  This involves four days of local fieldwork.

Geography is a strong and valued subject at the college.  It is a popular preference at KS4 and KS5 level.

**The team, resources and accommodation**

There are currently five teachers in the department who work closely together and teach across the ability and age range. There are three designated classrooms with high quality displays that are equipped with high quality resources to support learning. The teaching rooms are fitted with digital projectors, with further access to computer rooms within the college site. Staff and students also use other digital devices, as well as visualisers to project exemplar work. Consistent use of knowledge organisers and homework tasks help students to develop their knowledge base in all key stages.

**Timetable and curriculum**

The college operates a five period day (one hour per period) within a two week timetable. Students at Key Stage 3 have three lessons per fortnight. At key stage 4 (year 9 – 11) students have five lessons per fortnight and at A level students have nine lessons per fortnight.

Students find Geography challenging and exciting. It is currently a very popular choice at both level 2 and 3 and plays an integral part in the college curriculum.

We look forward to welcoming the successful applicant into the department.