## TORQUAY GIRLS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL

## The Geography Department



Thank you for your interest in applying for the position of Teacher of Geography at TGGS. This is an exciting opportunity to join a successful, committed, experienced and enthusiastic department. Geography at TGGS is a very popular choice both at GCSE and at A Level. Currently there are 4 groups at A level and 6 groups at GCSE. In 2022 more than a third of GCSE students opted for A level. There are 3 specialist geography rooms, and the department is well-resourced with fieldwork equipment and textbooks. The Geography Department enjoys high attainment at both GCSE and A Level. The students 2023 results were outstanding, 40% of students achieved grades 8/9 at GCSE and our ALPS score was a grade 2. At A level 84% students achieved an A\*-B grade, with 56% gaining grades A\*/A with an ALPS score of 2.

A significant number of students go on to pursue their passion for Geography and Geography related courses at university, emphasising the popularity of the subject and ongoing enjoyment of lessons across all year groups.

We teach the AQA specification at both GCSE and A level. The department prides itself on its teaching, learning and enthusiasm for the subject. Being up to date with curriculum developments and commitment to extra-curricular opportunities is an essential trait for the successful candidate to have.



The department strives to offer students a wide variety of opportunities, both in school and beyond. We are active members of the South Devon Geographical Association, and our GCSE and A level students have the opportunity to attend and participate in lectures and workshops relevant to their studies. We have held field trips in Iceland, Italy and Croatia

to name a few.

Students are offered many local field trips across all year groups, including the National Marine Aquarium, the South Devon coast and Dartmoor. Students thrive in the compulsory fieldwork element of their GCSE and A level courses. We currently take students to a wide variety of both human and physical locations, our Year 12 students undertake residential fieldwork in the Lake District and Manchester.



The department promotes the sharing of ideas and resources and is well equipped with technology. We also have links with other schools in the local area and within the SWAT group, and are keen to share resources where possible.