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GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT PROFILE

The Geography Subject Team has consistently contributed to the high level of performance of students in the school at both key stages and teachers are committed to ensuring that all students at The Forest School achieve their best. GCSE results have been consistently in excess of 80% Grades 9-4 (85% 9-4 5-year average) with 46% of our last cohort exceeding their aspirational target grades, well above National Average.

Our aims are to deliver high standards of teaching and learning, outstanding results at all levels by developing their passion for our subject, so much so that they are inspired to continue with their studies in further education. Geography is one of the most popular option subjects – currently with 6 groups in Year 10 & 5 groups in Year 11. Geography lessons are typically engaging & productive, based on a variety of concepts & skills which make Geography a unique & fundamental subject. There is an emphasis on clear communication between teachers & students to encourage students to participate. We aim to be approachable by working on the quality of our relationships with students – this often translates into better outcomes & a more rewarding environment for both students & teachers. As a subject team we enjoy sharing ideas and working together.

Geography is delivered by four members of staff – a happy, flexible, close working and dedicated team. At Key Stage 3, students have four periods per fortnight and at Key Stage 4 there is an allocation of five periods per fortnight. We work on a 3-year KS3 and 2-year KS4 curriculum. All students are taught in mixed ability classes. Classrooms are well resourced with touch screen displays. Extra-curricular activities have included trips to Morocco, Iceland and a variety within the U.K. There is a further Trip to Iceland planned for 2023.

High expectations of students, a passion for our subject is a must. A desire to be part of & contribute to a small team is a given (quality not quantity), together with a positive attitude.

Simon McDermott – Subject Team Leader