

## GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

The Geography Department is part of a larger Humanities Faculty and is currently staffed by:

Mrs J Stacey : Subject Lead

Mrs L Eades : Teacher of Geography

Geography is taught as a separate subject area to all pupils in Key Stage 3, and they currently have three lessons per fortnight. At Key Stage 4, pupils have the option to choose to study Geography as GCSE, following the AQA specification, and have five lessons a fortnight. Geography is generally a popular choice. Students are mixed ability in both Key Stage 3 and 4.

The Geography Department has two classrooms, with the opportunity to use ICT facilities. The department owns a range of textbooks, which are used to complement learning from Year 7 to Year 11, a small DVD library, and a range of other resources.

Geography's vision statement is:

**"To develop a sense of wonder about our world by questioning, investigating, exploring, and justifying. To be the best we can be"**

It is expected that both students and teachers alike will support this vision, enjoying lessons which promote wonder about the world, and a sense that this wonder can be developed through the learning of knowledge and skills. Geography is a subject which is relevant, changing, and modern-lessons and teaching must reflect this dynamism.

To reach these aims, we will:

- Strive for academic achievement, encouraging students to use literacy and numeracy skills to improve their geographical understanding and communication; use out of classroom learning wherever possible, both on a school, local, and national scale. Each year group enjoys the opportunity to take part in Geography field trips.
- Staff endeavour to deliver lessons which engage and inspire, using a range of teaching methods and learning styles; encourage students to be independent learners; will monitor achievement regularly, in line with school policy, intervening when necessary to ensure students achieve their full potential and progress appropriately; ensure that all students know their current grade, target grade, and steps needed to progress. We recognise that lessons should promote excellence and encourage independence.

Further details about the school are on our website: [www.lacon-childe.org.uk](http://www.lacon-childe.org.uk)