

## GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Geography department consists of a strong, highly qualified and enthusiastic team of specialist teachers. The department is dedicated to helping students realise their full academic potential, whilst at the same time developing students' curiosity about the world in which they live. The department has been on an exciting journey to strengthen provision over the last few years, taking notable strides forward in the quality of the curriculum and outcomes for students.

At Key Stage 3 we teach a variety of key geographical concepts and terminology which thread through the explorative geography curriculum. Students learn the foundations of geography and global citizenship, and develop an understanding of exciting and diverse places, near and far.

The teaching team is committed to planning and delivering high quality lessons by using a variety of stimulating teaching styles and approaches to engage and motivate learners. Geography is an extremely popular subject and the subject makes a significant contribution to the EBacc progress measure due to the large numbers of students opting for the subject at Key Stage 4. Geography is also a popular subject at A Level and we are proud that so many of our students go on to further academic study in Geography and related subjects at university, many of whom study at Russell Group universities. The AQA specifications are taught at both GCSE and A Level.

Currently, the department consists of five full time members of staff who work together, under the direction of the Subject Leader, to achieve the best possible outcomes for all students. The department is committed to enriching students' experiences for students both inside and outside the classroom. They are given the opportunity to develop and practise their geographical skills by participating in field work expeditions, including Chester Zoo in Year 7 and visits Liverpool ONE and Loggerheads as part of the GCSE fieldwork. In addition, the department offers a residential trip to North Wales for A Level students to develop their NEA skills and we run a biennial international trip to Iceland to further students' experiences around the subject and create a sense of awe and wonder.

The Geography department is passionate about the environment. We have achieved a national Eco Schools green flag award and have an enthusiastic Eco Club that works to improve the school environment and seeks to make a difference for future generations.

For further information visit our website at <https://weatherheadhigh.co.uk/project/geography/>.

