

GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

There are six teachers within the department. This is a reflection of the curriculum time afforded to the subject. Students receive 4 hours per fortnight in KS3. Students opting for the subject at KS4 receive 5 hours teaching time per fortnight. Students studying Geography at KS5 receive 10 hours per fortnight, which is split between Human and Physical Geography specialisms.

The department is well resourced throughout all key stages, with a range of text books being available. All pupils studying 'A' Level and GCSE students have access to a wide range of resources. In addition, the department regularly shares electronic resources they have created and updated. Electronic resources drive teaching within the department, with text books used to support this teaching further.

Geography is a popular choice at GCSE; there are currently five groups in Year 10 and four in Year 11. In addition, there are two A-level groups in Year 12 and one in Year 13. Exam success is a feature of the department. At GCSE and A-Level, students currently follow the AQA Syllabus.

Fieldwork is an integral part of the department with each year group being offered the opportunity of fieldwork. KS3 students enjoy visits to local population centres, contrasting settlement size and success of regeneration schemes. In Year 9, students are offered a visit to Osmington Bay on the Jurassic Coast. GCSE students are offered a residential trip to Iceland as well as a day trip to the Lake District. Further fieldwork visits to Sport City and New Islington prepare students for Paper 3. 'A' Level students currently take part in a residential visit to Blencathra Field Study Centre in the Lake District. All teaching staff within the department are heavily involved in the organisation of field trips. In addition to residential and one day visits there are various on-going extra-curricular activities, for example Disaster Movie Club and the Eco-Committee.

The department regularly makes use of the excellent ICT facilities within school. New Schemes of Work have been implemented in all Key Stages, each including elements of ICT, learning skills, Careers, Citizenship and SMSC.

This is an exciting time for the Geography Department within Wellington as the department continues to grow and develop. As such the governors seek to appoint an excellent and reflective classroom practitioner with the energy, drive and enthusiasm to continue to build upon and develop standards within the Geography Department.