

# GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT DETAILS

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.

At Key Stage 3 we teach a variety of key geographical concepts and terminology which thread through our Year 7 curriculum of explorative geography. During Key Stage 3, students learn the foundations of geography; global citizenship and examine places near and far.

The 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.

We are proud that so many of our students go on to further academic study at university, many of whom are studying at Russell Group universities. The AQA specifications are taught at both GCSE and A Level.

Currently, the department consists of 5 full time members of staff, including the Head of Department who work together to achieve the best possible outcomes for all students. The department is also committed to enriching students' experiences both inside and outside the classroom. Students are given the opportunity to practise their geographical skills by participating in field work expeditions in which we visit Liverpool ONE and Loggerheads as part of the GCSE fieldwork. The department also offers a residential trip to North Wales for A-Level students to develop their NEA skills. We also run an international trip to Iceland to further their experiences around the subject; a once in a lifetime opportunity.

The Geography department is passionate about the environment and we have an enthusiastic Eco-club, who work to improve the school environment by ensuring that they are making a difference for future generations.

## Career Development

The school offers many opportunities for career development. Staff are offered the opportunity to attend regular in-house CPD sessions, relevant courses outside school including those delivered by the National College, or 'twilight' INSET sessions.

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

