

Geography Department

Teaching Groups

Geography is compulsory for all students until the end of Key Stage 3. At Key Stage 4 it becomes an optional subject. Again at AS and A2 level Geography is an optional subject. Time is allocated to teach each year group in line with the schools curriculum policy. Year 7 Pupils receive two periods per fortnight. Year 8 and 9 pupils receive three periods per fortnight. GCSE pupils receive five periods per fortnight. AS and A2 students receive nine periods per fortnight. All periods are one hour in length. There are usually 12 classes with around 300 pupils in total in each year group. At GCSE level we currently teach three Year 10 and Two Year 11 classes. There are also Year 12 and 13 A' level Geography groups.

Staffing

At present the Geography Department is comprised of two full time and two part time Geography teachers.

Rooms and Resources

The Geography Department is located in Cragside B Block. It consists of three specialist subject rooms. The Department is well resourced and each teaching area has class sets of core textbooks and online resources. There are also class sets of additional textbooks to support the curriculum. Smart Boards are provided in every room. All teachers have their own notebook computers to carry out administrative duties and to prepare and present lessons.

Courses

At Key Stage 3 we follow the National Curriculum. At KS3 many new topics have been introduced in keeping with the key themes of the National Curriculum changes, this has sparked an increase in uptake at GCSE level. At GCSE students follow the AQA Syllabus 'B'. At A' level students follow the OCR syllabus. The Department usually achieves around 50% A* - C at GCSE and has a 100% pass rate at A' level with many students attaining grades A and B.

Other Information

The department believes that all members of the school community are important and each has a contribution to make. We value skills, achievement and the desire for knowledge along with application and effort. The Department aims to stimulate student's curiosity, interest and enjoyment in Geography. We are committed to the restless self-evaluation of our Department and strive to continually improve.

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