



THE GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

The Geography Department is well-established, but forward looking and is one of the most successful subjects in an Outstanding school. The National Curriculum is taught to Years 7 - 9, and then the department offers Geography as an option for GCSE and A level. Edexcel specification A is taught for GCSE (81% 9-7 in 2023) with five teaching groups in September 2024. Edexcel is also followed at A level (79% A*-B in 2023). Fieldwork is an essential part of all the courses, and the department currently offers opportunities for fieldwork for all year groups. This includes visits to the river, coast, and urban fieldwork locally and in the capital. We offer an NEA residential trip in year 12 to support students with their studies. We also provide opportunities to students travel internationally and visited Iceland in 2023, with Sicily and Naples our destination for 2024.

The Geography Department has two dedicated classrooms, which have interactive whiteboards. We have access to excellent bookable resources including laptops, five dedicated IT rooms and the school has a continued commitment to invest in the best technology for our students. Additional resources include software packages (such as ArcGIS), environmental and weather collecting units, and our own weather station.

The department has three experienced specialist teachers and continues to go from strength to strength in terms of both outcomes and student satisfaction in our Outstanding school.