

GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT- USEFUL INFORMATION

Staff

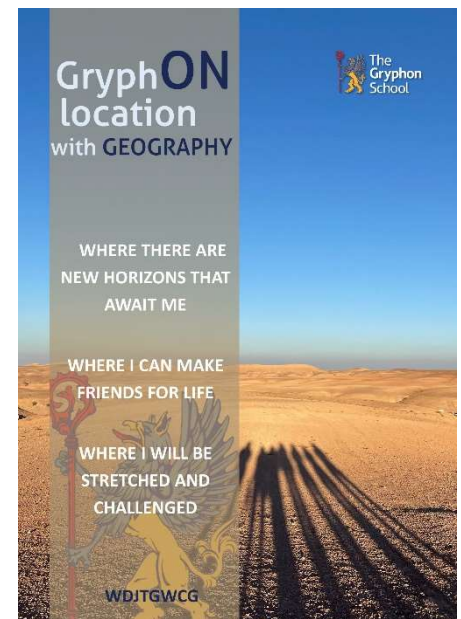
- The Geography Department comprises of four committed and enthusiastic subject specialist teachers
- The Department is characterised by a commitment to working collaboratively. Every lesson for each SoW is written and resourced and available on the shared drive. Each teacher personalises these centrally held resources for their individual classes
- A commitment to this collaborative style and a desire to share is an essential requirement of the successful candidate
- The staff are committed to the teaching of mixed ability classes

The curriculum

- Students in Year 7 have 4 hours of Geography per fortnight and those in Year 8 and Year 9 three hours
- The KS3 SoW has been rewritten over the last year to reduce the content and place a greater emphasis on the development of key skills, extending reading and writing and the overlap between Human and Physical Geography.
- At KS4 we study the Edexcel A specification; students have 5 hours of Geography per fortnight. Fieldwork is an important part of the GCSE specification. We run trips to Chesil Beach to study coastal processes and to Bristol city centre to study regeneration.
- At KS5 students study the Edexcel specification. Students have 9 hours of Geography per fortnight shared between two teachers- with a physical/ human Geography split.
- We offer our students International trips. We are attending New York City in 2026
- The Department is proud of the diversity of lesson and learning opportunities it offers to students – the Department encourages students to develop their thinking skills, to make decisions, to plan investigations and fieldwork, to argue, to ask questions and share personal experiences. The students enjoy working collaboratively and paired activities, debate, discussions, presentations, role play and interactive games all characterise the lessons. The Geography classrooms are rarely silent.

Successes

- Geography is a popular subject at GCSE and A level. There are 6 groups at GCSE and 2 groups in both Y12 and Year 13. A significant number of the A level students go on to study Geography or similar courses at university
- GCSE and A level results are consistently amongst the best in the school, in 2024 24% of Geography GCSE students achieved at 7-9 grade.



- The Department is recognised as a lead department in assessment

Resources

- The Geography Department occupies 4 specialist classrooms all equipped with interactive whiteboards and we use OneNote and Teams.
- The Department has a spacious office/workroom
- The Department is a member of The Royal Geographical Society
- E-learning is a priority and there is Wi-Fi across the site; iPads are used extensively and there is a Bring Your Own Device, meaning that students are using the latest technology to make notes, interact in lessons and access revision resources.



At The Gryphon, a main scale teacher currently teaches 43 out of 50 one-hour periods over a two-week timetable, including five PPA periods.

If you would like to discuss this post, please do not hesitate to contact Nathan Woodville, Head of Geography, at the School, on 01935 813122.

