



GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

The Geography Department is a successful department with three members of staff who work closely, collaboratively and very effectively together. We fully subscribe to the school's research-based approach to professional development and are passionate about sharing our love for Geography.

Mrs Jane Ayling - Head of Department
Mrs Nicola Harriott - Teacher of Geography (part-time)
Miss Beth Bridgwater - Teacher of Geography

The department has two specialist classrooms, an office and storeroom. All classrooms in the school are equipped with interactive whiteboards and visualisers. We subscribe to various packages including 'Pumpkin Interactive' and 'Digimaps for Schools' in order to provide the most effective provision for our students. We also use ArcGIS for the NEA at A level.

Geography is taught in mixed ability groups across the age range. For Key Stage 3 the department makes good use of resources produced in-house and of the Geography.123 series of textbooks where appropriate.

At Key Stage 4 Geography is a popular option; the department follows the OCR B specification.

On average approximately 40 students study Geography at A level in Years 12 and 13, within the Beverley Joint Sixth. Teaching is shared with colleagues at Beverley Grammar School. The students follow the AQA syllabus.

We believe that fieldwork is an essential aspect of the curriculum and have developed opportunities for all year groups to participate in fieldwork activities. We are currently running a joint residential trip with the Year 12 Biologists.

The department also recognises the value of promoting Geography through curriculum residential experiences, visits to Sorrento, Sicily and Iceland have featured in the Geography extra-curricular offer.

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