

## GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

There are five teachers within the department, including a Head of Department and a Second in Department. This is a reflection of the curriculum time afforded to the subject. Students receive 4 hours per fortnight in both Year 7 and 8 and 5 hours per fortnight in Year 9. Students opting for the subject at KS4 also receive 5 hours teaching time per fortnight. Each teacher has their own teaching base with a Promethean Interactive whiteboard.

The department is well resourced throughout Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 with a range of text books being available. All pupils studying 'A' Level and GCSE students have access to a wide range of resources. In addition the department regularly shares electronic resources they have created and updated. Electronic resources drive teaching within the department, with text books used to support this teaching further.

Geography is a popular choice at GCSE; there are currently four groups in Year 10 and three in Year 11. In addition, there is an A-level group in Year 12 and Year 13. Exam success is a feature of the department; results are well above national averages for like schools. At GCSE and A-Level, students currently follow the AQA Syllabus.

Fieldwork is an integral part of the department with each year group being offered the opportunity of field work. Year 7 students enjoy a visit to the Blackpool Zoo and Year 8 have the opportunity to visit Old Trafford Football Ground. GCSE students are offered a residential trip to Disneyland Paris in October as well as a two night residential in Shropshire and a further fieldwork visit organised in order to collect data for their controlled assessment. The location of this visit varies annually depending on the focus of the controlled assessment. 'A' Level students currently take part in a residential visit to Blencathra Field Study Centre in the Lake District. All teaching staff within the department are heavily involved in the organisation of field trips. In addition to residential and one day visits there are various on-going extra-curricular activities, and students throughout the School contribute to the department Twitter feed.

The department regularly makes use of the excellent ICT facilities within school. New Schemes of Work have been implemented in all Key Stages, each including elements of ICT, learning skills, 5R's, Citizenship and SMSC.

This is an exciting time for the Geography Department within Wellington as the department continues to grow and develop. As such the governors seek to appoint an excellent and reflective classroom practitioner with the energy, drive and enthusiasm to continue to build upon and develop standards within the Geography Department.