Heathfield Community School – Geography Department

Who are we looking for?

We are looking for a well-qualified, organised, passionate, enthusiastic and inspiring Geography teacher (preferably NQT) with the ability to teach across all age ranges, to all abilities. The new team member must have excellent interpersonal and teamwork skills as they will be working closely with the Head of Department on a daily basis. A sense of humour is a must.

Current staffing:

The Geography department currently consists of the following staff:

- Heather Sperring – Head of Department
- Jo Rogers – Geography Teacher / Careers
- Matt Bernard – Geography Teacher / Associate Assistant Head
- Ian Grant – Geography Teacher / Deputy Head
- Ian Caddy – RPE and Geography Teacher / Associate Assistant Head

About us:

Geography is a popular subject at GCSE, we follow the AQA specification. We have two 1hr 10 minute lessons a week. At KS3 lessons are once a week. All classes are mixed ability.

As a Geography department we aim to provide the following for our students:

- To inspire curiosity and fascination about the world
- To help all students to achieve their potential
- To create a lasting awareness of the world around us
- To prepare students for life in an ever changing world
- To practice creative, independent and critical thinking
- To promote sensitivity and empathy towards others
- To value student voices to inform future changes

As a Geography department we strive to:

- Be the best department that we can possibly be
- Provide an experience beyond that of the curriculum
- Practice a wide range of imaginative teaching strategies in involving “living geography” that will stimulate active participation in learning
- Promote high standards to help students achieve their potential
- Continually evaluate what we do to improve the department

Below is our current KS3 overview:
Although we are three separate departments the Geography, History and RPE department work closely together. Our collective aim is to inspire our students about the world around them; “looking out, looking back and looking within”.

**Extra-Curricular Opportunities:**

- Year 7 – Fieldwork in the school grounds
- Year 8 – Visit / Talk from Travel Writer and Explorer
- Year 8 – Coasts Fieldwork to Dawlish Warren
- Year 9 – Cadbury World Visit
- Year 9 – Link to Kumasi Basic Services School, Ghana
- Year 10 – GCSE Holford River Enquiry
- Year 11 – GCSE Bristol City Centre Enquiry
- Year 10 / 11 – Biannual fieldtrip to Iceland

**More Information:**

Further information can be found on our department website via the following link:

http://www.heathfieldcommunityschool.com/Geography

**Teaching Space:**

The Geography Department is based on the ground floor with two dedicated geography classrooms within a “Humanities” corridor. A third is shared between the other Humanities subjects. All rooms have a PC, speakers, overhead projector and lockable cupboards. Between the two Geography classrooms is a Humanities office, this is shared between History, Geography and RPE. It has two computers, a central table and a photocopier. A staff toilet is situated next to this office.

Heather Sperring

Head of Department

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