

Job Title: Teacher of Geography
Responsible to: Head of Geography
Faculty: Humanities, Art and IT

We are a dedicated and enthusiastic department, passionate for the subject and committed to the teaching and learning of Geography. Our 2020-21 cohort consists of 235 Geography students in Year 1 and 255 Geography students in Year 2 with a total of 24 classes. Since September 2016, we have offered the AQA A-level specification and the department is graded as 'Outstanding'.

All students carry out local fieldwork and all staff take an active part in planning and running these one-day field courses. We also run residential field courses in the UK and abroad; recent destinations include Cornwall, Snowdonia, California, Iceland, Morocco and Uganda. Many of our students participate in the Hampshire Geographical Association by attending the autumn conference and we have a popular 'Stretch and Challenge' group, which offers weekly opportunities for students to extend their learning, including lectures by university academics. Every year, many students progress to read Geography or Geography related subjects at university, including Oxbridge. Geography draws students equally from all faculties and this is one of the reasons for its popularity and diversity.

We are a team of 8 members of staff - 4 full-time and 4 part-time. Together we have a wealth of expertise, including GCE examiners and authors of published textbooks and journals. Each member of the department has unique skills to offer and there is a great emphasis on sharing good practice to improve the quality of our delivery. There is a strong team ethos which encourages experimentation and collaboration, including team teaching and shared resources, whilst also giving the individual teacher and student the scope to pursue their own strengths and interests.

The use of IT is fundamental to teaching Geography here and our classrooms are equipped with a smart board, data projectors and 24 laptops for student use. The College has excellent IT and intranet facilities and a well-equipped Learning Resource Centre. We have a department intranet site and every class uses Google Classroom. These sites are well resourced and utilised by all students and we are actively researching and implementing the use of Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and Global Positioning Systems (GPS) for teaching and learning.

We are looking for a teacher to join the team. You should:

- have a good honours Geography or related degree
- have a lively and enquiring mind
- have successful experience of teaching the subject at A-level or be able to demonstrate this potential
- have a PGCE or equivalent qualification or commitment to obtain QTS
- be equally able to teach physical or human geography, managing successfully a wide range of approaches in the classroom
- have the enthusiasm to develop interactive course materials for the AQA specification, both for classroom and intranet use
- be committed to the principles of fieldwork and ICT as vehicles for learning Geography
- be skilled in the use of IT in the classroom
- have a rapport with the 16-19 age group (staff also have a tutor group of about 24 students).

This high performing College offers good opportunities for career development. The College organises and supports internal INSET opportunities and encourages staff to attend relevant events organised externally. There are opportunities via the Activities programme to contribute to other areas.

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