



The Crypt School

Geography Department

The Geography Department is well established in the curriculum and is a popular subject within the school. There are currently two full time members of staff and one part time. The post advertised is for an additional part time member of staff due to an increase in option numbers.

Key Stage 3

At KS3, students are taught in mixed ability groups and receive 3 one hour lessons a fortnight. Homework is set fortnightly and high standards are expected from all students. The current schemes of work aim to expose students to a wide variety of geographical topics whilst offering a firm foundation for further study at examination level. Consequently, schemes of work are regularly up dated and will continue to be reviewed as the new examination specifications are introduced.

Key Stage 4

The OCR 'B' specification is followed at GCSE level. There are currently 4 classes in both year 10 and year 11. GCSE results have been very pleasing in recent years with a positive value added figure being attained consistently. Two days fieldwork are required for the new specification: these consist of an urban study in Gloucester and a river investigation in the Forest of Dean. Now that the new GCSE specifications have been introduced, we will be reviewing the schemes of work offering the successful candidate an opportunity to be involved in the future direction of teaching at this level.

Key Stage 5

Numbers within the sixth form have grown steadily over the last few years so that there are now two groups in both year 12 and 13. The new OCR specification is followed with the option topics including Coastal Landscapes, Exploring Oceans and Hazardous Earth. To complement the new fieldwork and Independent Investigation requirements, a two day residential trip to North Devon is arranged for the autumn term in year 12 which is accompanied by department staff. A further two days fieldwork will be carried out in the local area during the summer term of year 12. The successful candidate may have an opportunity to contribute to the delivery of the A Level course.

Resources

The department has two teaching rooms both equipped with interactive whiteboards and projectors. Students make use of a variety of textbooks, maps and ICT based resources in lessons. Individual textbook are issued to all examination students. Year 7 and 8 students have their own individual laptops / ipads which they bring to lessons and ICT suites are available for KS4-5 classes. A strong team ethos and culture of sharing written resources and activities exists within the department.