

Kings Priory School wishes to appoint a highly qualified professional to contribute to the teaching of geography from KS3 – KS5. This is an exceptional opportunity for the right candidate to develop and shape pupils' experience of geography at Kings Priory School. Our pupils achieve results which are significantly above national average at GCSE. As the post could involve teaching geography in the Sixth Form, applicants are encouraged to state any subject specialisms in their application. A willingness to participate fully in the wider life of the school, in all of its forms, is absolutely essential.

The Geography Department

The Geography Department at Kings Priory School currently consists of three specialists teaching across the age and ability range through Years 7 to 13 under the direction of the Head of Humanities. We are proud of our students who regularly achieve well above the national average in public examinations. The department has an excellent reputation throughout the school both for the quality of teaching and high levels of pupil enjoyment of our subject, demonstrated by our traditionally strong uptake.

Years 7 and 8 form our Key Stage 3 geography curriculum which helps pupils understand the world from their local area to a global scale. Beginning with 'Geography on my doorstep' pupils go on to explore places such as the India, and Africa, challenging misconceptions through topics like 'Africa is not a country!'. They investigate key physical and human issues including volcanoes, crime, and climate change, while developing awareness of global challenges such as an endangered planet. Throughout the course, pupils build key geographical and enquiry skills and understand how people and environments are interconnected.

The department has a strong uptake at both Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5.

Key Stage 4 pupils currently follow the AQA syllabus. Alongside the core physical and human topics, pupils also study coastal and river landscapes and energy resources. Pupils carry out fieldwork tasks in the local area to develop their practical skills and to prepare them for examination.

At Key Stage 5 we follow the AQA syllabus. Alongside the core physical and human topics, pupils study hazards, glacial landscapes, and contemporary urban environments. Fieldwork again is key component of the course. Pupils develop fieldwork skills in researching infiltration and carbon storage to support the completion of their NEA as well as investigating Changing Places in the Ouseburn area of Newcastle.

The department is passionate about taking geography beyond the classroom and organise a biennial overseas educational visit. Recent visits have taken large groups of KPS geographers to Iceland and Naples.