



CHESTNUT GROVE ACADEMY GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

1. Introduction:

The geography department is dedicated and focused on ensuring that students make outstanding progress across all key stages. Our teaching of geography is underpinned by key geographical concepts, and students apply geographical thinking to consider sustainable futures for the planet. Our intent is that all students will finish their geography education as informed global citizens, with a good geographical understanding of human and physical processes. We consider decision making and evaluation a key skill for our students, and our curriculum gives students the opportunity to explore world issues linking human and physical geography together.

The geography department is one of the highest performing departments in the school, with students consistently achieving significantly higher than national averages. 38% of Chestnut Grove Geography students achieved a 7+ last summer, compared to the national average of 24% and 73% of Chestnut Grove Geography students achieved 5+, compared to the national average of 51%. Moreover, teaching at A Level continues to go from strength to strength in the geography department. In 2025 27% of A Level Geography students achieved A/A*, and last year 83% of our cohort achieved C+.

The geography department encourages fieldwork as much as possible with two fieldtrips at GCSE based in London and a week long residential at A Level to the Jurassic Coast. For two consecutive years we have taken Year 10 and 12 students to Iceland! We are looking at embedding fieldwork into KS3 curriculum with local fieldwork opportunities.

The department has a culture of innovation and support and the successful candidate will join a happy and welcoming team. Staff are encouraged to develop their own subject expertise and take leadership of key aspects of the department's development. It is an ideal place to develop your career within a supportive, high achieving and happy department.

2. Staffing.

The Geography team consists of 7 members of staff:

- 1 Head of Department
- 6 Geography teachers
- *Potential for future ic roles within the department*

3. Curriculum:

The CGA Geography curriculum enriches students understanding of the world to help them understand their experiences within local, regional and



global systems; to empower them with geographical knowledge and skills to make informed judgements about the challenges the world currently faces and acknowledge their role in securing a sustainable future for the planet for all of humanity.

Key Stage 3:

Students are taught two geography lessons each week and are taught in tutor groups in year 7 and then in mixed ability groups in year 8 and 9.

The curriculum is modelled on our department ethos of encouraging sustainability and teaching issue-focused human and physical geography, to inform them in becoming conscientious future global citizens. We approach units of work with a pluralism of perspective and encourage students to make judgements and evaluate across KS3. We constantly evaluate and monitor our curriculum, and we are currently adapting it to be more relevant, thought-provoking and engaging.

Key Stage 4:

Geography is the most popular option subjects at KS4 which is reflected consistently year on year with increases in student uptake. Students follow the AQA specification over two years and undertake two pieces of fieldwork. The geography department teach GCSE in an inclusive manner with a focus on both student progress and attainment and has enjoyed great success at GCSE in recent years.

16-19:

In the Sixth Form Geography is an increasingly popular choice. We currently have 60 students between Year 12 and 13. Students follow the Edexcel Geography A Level. There is a history of students choosing to study geography at degree level with past students applying to geography at Oxford University.

4. Accommodation and Resources:

The Department teaches in a well-resourced suite of classrooms and each teacher has their own well-equipped classroom in the newly built school environment. The department shares all resources and staff are encouraged to share their expertise and areas of interest!