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ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

GEOGRAPHY

The Geography Department at St Paul's aims to make a significant contribution to fulfilling the school's mission statement. We aim to ignite and enrich our students' awe and wonder for the natural and man-made world.

The department has four members of staff. Through a weekly department meeting and frequent informal discussions, we work as a team, sharing ideas and good practice, contributing to decision-making in the department and supporting each other as necessary. Between us we deliver geography to all pupils at KS3 and to those pupils who opt to study Geography at KS4 and KS5.

At KS3 we have one 1 hour 20 minute lesson per week. Teaching groups are mixed ability, with differentiation an important part of our lesson delivery. Pupils investigate a range of geographical issues including Amazing Places, Deserts, Geology and Development.

At KS4 we have 2 hours a week again in mixed ability classes. We teach the AQA specification with a focus on Deserts and Food.

At KS5 we teach the EDUQAS course. Topics at A-level include Coasts, Energy, Water and Carbon Cycles, Tectonics and Migration.

The department is located in K-block, a purpose built environment with three dedicated classrooms and ICT provision. We are fortunate to have a dedicated Geography workroom.

Current priorities for the department:

- Embedding conceptual thinking into our curriculum
- Developing assessments to further promote progress from Y7 onwards

The person appointed will join an innovative Geography department, and will have a real opportunity to enhance the further development of this successful department.