**The Geography Faculty**

The Geography Faculty currently consists of a hardworking and committed team who possess a wide range of skills and abilities which make us a dynamic and proficient and able to provide an excellent standard of teaching and learning to our pupils.

Claire McMurtrie Faculty Leader and Teacher of Geography

Rebecca Kealey Teacher of Geography

The aims of the Faculty are:

* To ensure that every student, regardless of ability, reaches their full potential.
* To foster a passion and enthusiasm for Geography and ensure that every student leaves the school with an appreciation of how the world and their locality has developed over time.
* Students will appreciate the potential of Geography in terms of the transferrable skills gained.
* Students are taught exciting, challenging and memorable lessons which will teach them the skills and knowledge they need to succeed.
* To ensure that all subjects have a cohesive approach to teaching, learning and literacy.

As a Faculty we have adopted an interactive and innovative approach to teaching. The aim has been to encourage creativity in the classroom and we are confident this will assist pupils in achieving their full potential. We meet regularly to share ideas regarding teaching and learning. We use the schools “Synergy” software to set and monitor homework across the departments as well as making good use of Seneca learning, GCSE pod and Quizlet.

At KS3 pupils are taught a synoptic curriculum based on country themes. There is a strong focus on interleaving and spaced learning through the KS3 curriculum. Regular recall tasks in class and revision based homework tasks enable pupils to feel empowered and understand how their learning is progressing.

At KS4 we promote the importance of the English Baccalaureate and all set 1 and 2 pupils are encouraged to take a humanities subject and a MFL subject. Geography is becoming an increasingly popular option.

Students opting to study Geography take the EdExcel B qualification which includes the following options;

* Hazardous Earth
* Development dynamics
* Challenges of an urbanising world
* The UK’s evolving physical landscape
* The UK’s evolving human landscape
* Geographical investigation
* People and the biosphere
* Forests under threat
* Consuming energy resources

We currently have 2 classrooms, each equipped with projectors and interactive white boards.

The Geography Faculty is a successful team which has responded enthusiastically to the new OFSTED framework. We are looking for a new professional to add their talent and passion to the faculty.