

# Sir Roger Manwood's School

## Geography Department

Students at the school are motivated and highly able. Around half the cohort take Geography as a GCSE option, of whom around 55% achieve a grade 7, 8 or 9. Typically, just over a third of each cohort go on to take Geography at A Level, where around 60% of students achieve a grade B or better.

The department is determined to take students out of the classroom to learn and so runs successful residential fieldtrips including a GCSE trip to Naples and A Level trip to Snowdonia. The School is fortunate to be surrounded by many local opportunities for fieldwork and the department makes the most of this - Y10s visit the coast to assess the risks of coastal flooding and Y12s undertake a variety of fieldwork activities both locally and in London, in preparation for their Individual Projects.

At KS3, the department has an established set of schemes of work that create a foundation of knowledge and skills. The AQA specification is followed at GCSE, where each group is taught Human and Physical Geography by the same teacher. The OCR specification is followed at A Level and students are taught by two teachers, each of whom specialises in Human and Physical Geography.

In terms of development, the department is keen to expand the fieldwork that it carries out in KS3 as well as its GIS capability and would welcome the input of the successful candidate in these two areas in particular.

We are looking to recruit someone who can teach up to and including A Level in Geography but who is also able and willing to teach some History and Religious Education/Studies.

## History & Politics Department

Facilities in the department are excellent with a suite of dedicated rooms in a modern teaching block, all with interactive whiteboards, DVD/Video facilities and full access to the internet and school network.

There are 4 members of the department - 3 full time and 1 part time. One full time member of the team is also the Head of Year 10/11. The department is a very collegiate one - it meets regularly and all colleagues share resources.

At KS3, classes are taught for 3 or 4 hours (depending on year group) over a two-week timetable. Lessons last an hour. History is a very popular option at both GCSE and A Level, and the results achieved are impressive. Edexcel History is taught at GCSE. Each class receives 5 one hour lessons a fortnight. History is normally the most popular GCSE option subject. The department follows OCR for A Level with courses on America 1803-1890 and Britain 1603-1660 in Year 12 and Nazi Germany, Ireland and Russell in Year 13. Each class receives 9 one hour lessons a fortnight.

As well as History, the department also delivers Politics to A Level. Politics is a popular option in the Sixth Form. Each class receives 9 one hour lessons a fortnight. The Edexcel specification is followed for A Level. Units on British Politics are taught in Year 12 and on American Politics in Year 13. The appointed candidate would ideally teach British and American Government Policies.

The department runs a number of successful trips, including day trips for Year 7 to Dover Castle and Year 9 to the Somme, and an overseas trip in the autumn term that alternates each year between a

KS4 visit to Berlin and KS5 visit to New York and Washington. A range of lecture visits are also arranged as appropriate.

## Business & Economics Department

The Business & Economic Department consists of a full time Head of Department and a full time teacher. Due to the growing popularity of both subjects, a part time teacher is now also needed.

The department has two dedicated teaching rooms, which are equipped with a computer, a non-interactive white board and an IWB.

GCSE Business: the Edexcel Business (9 – 1) specification has been taught since September 2017. The GCSE textbook is *Edexcel GCSE (9 – 1) Business* by Ian Marcouse. GCSE students have 5 one hour lessons per fortnight. Business has seen significant growth in its popularity over the past few years and it is now one of the most popular GCSE option subjects.

A Level Business: Themes 1 and 2 from the specification are taught in Year 12, and Themes 3 and 4 are taught in Year 13. The A Level textbook is *Edexcel AS/A Level Business* by D Hall et al. A Level students have 9 one hour lessons per fortnight.

A Level Economics: Economics was introduced to the sixth form curriculum in September 2019 and since then it has gone from strength to strength. The A Level textbook is *Edexcel AS/A Level Economics* by Alain Anderton. A Level students have 9 one hour lessons per fortnight.

The department offers the Young Enterprise Scheme to Year 12 students as part of the sixth form enrichment programme. Numerous YE teams have reached the Kent and South East Regional final over the past 20 years.