



Netherhall School – Geography Department

This is an exciting time to join Netherhall School, rated “Good” in all categories in the Ofsted inspection of February 2018, with a reputation for excellence, aspiration and inclusion.

The appointment of a new head of geography is due to the growth of the school, the significantly increased number of students now attending the school, the requirement to have only subject specialists teaching geography and the aspiration to build a superb geography department that is a key subject in the school’s excellent curriculum offer.

‘Staff and pupils say, without question, the Headteacher has been an inspiration, giving them belief that all can achieve. Throughout his tenure, the Headteacher has demonstrated passion, integrity and highly skilled leadership. This school has been transformed in a remarkably short period of time.’

Ofsted, February 2018.

The Netherhall School geography department consists of a combination of two highly experienced teachers of geography and an excellent early career geography teacher, they are a committed and cohesive team of subject specialist teachers. One of the experienced teachers is a head of year who leads the school’s very popular and successful Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme: Bronze, Silver and Gold award; the other experienced teacher of geography is the recently appointed second in the geography department. The team fully understands that support and individual responsibility towards the collective is the most productive way forward for colleagues and students alike; this is a belief that permeates the school.

‘Pupils are enthusiastic about learning and teachers are enthusiastic about teaching. Pupils love coming to school.’ ‘Pupils have considerable respect for their teachers because they believe their teachers are doing a great job!’

Ofsted, February 2018.

The geography curriculum is well organised, progressive, challenging and substantial work has recently been undertaken to ensure the geography curriculum serves all of our students. Throughout key stage 3 there are two 50 minutes geography lessons per week. Geography is a popular option at GCSE with three 50 minutes lessons in key stage 4 and it is offered as an option choice in all three of the GCSE option blocks. At GCSE level, the school follows the Pearson course. We also offer an entry level geography course for a select group of key stage 4 students who follow the OCR geography entry level course.

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A level geography is also a popular option with students, there are six 50 minutes lessons in year 12 and seven 50 minutes lessons in year 13. At A level, the school follows the AQA A level geography course.

‘Relationships throughout the school are excellent. There is great mutual respect between adults and pupils.’

Ofsted, February 2018.

The geography department is well organised, well equipped and well resourced; it has full access to information technology provision, online resources and other physical facilities, including full access to the three excellent school minibuses for geography fieldwork, enrichment and extracurricular trips.

‘Pupils love coming to school.’

Ofsted, February 2018

The school is ideally located for the study of physical and human geography; Maryport is a coastal town on the beautiful Solway Firth and is a short distance to the fabulous Lake District, both are venues ideal for the study of physical geography and can be reached within minutes of the school. Similarly, larger conurbations, like Keswick and historic Carlisle are easily reached to support the study of human geography. Hence, geography extracurricular and enrichment activities form an important part of the geography curriculum and the students’ experience of school.

‘Pupils are proud of their school.’

Ofsted, February, 2018

The school is looking for a dynamic and enthusiastic head of geography who will drive forward geography in the school and create an enjoyable, inspiring, appealing, well organised and successful geography experience for our students.

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