



# Chesterton Community Sports College

## 'To be the best you can be'

### Humanities at Chesterton Community Sports College Geography Department

The Humanities department is a passionate and thriving department comprising of Geography, History and Citizenship. Our team is made up of six highly experienced and supportive members of staff whose aim is to ensure that the Humanities department is at the heart of the school's ethos; supporting students to reach their full potential. We endeavour to inspire students to investigate the world around them in each of our subject areas. Recently, a permanent full-time Geography post has arisen, and we are looking for a like-minded individual to join our specialist team.

We pride ourselves on the delivery of lessons across the department. Since the implementation of the new 9-1 GCSE, we have adapted our pedagogy and are continually scrutinizing ways to support and prepare our students for the demands of the new GCSE exam. As a close-knit department, we work collaboratively to share the workload in creating outstanding, differentiated and engaging lessons across the five year groups, as we believe KS3 learning is fundamental to success at GCSE.

Geography is extremely popular with students at CCSC, both at KS3 and KS4. We have developed an engaging and interesting knowledge-based curriculum at KS3 that prepares students for the demands of KS4, as well as fostering a passion for Geography both in and out of the classroom. As a GCSE option subject, we consistently have 65%+ of a year group choosing to continue studying Geography. As a department, we pride ourselves on creating opportunities for students wherever possible, both inside and outside the classroom, to ensure their learning comes to life! The exam results have gone from strength-to-strength in the past five years and this is testament to the strength and depth of the department, the support and training offered, as well as the ability to adapt well to changes. We currently study the AQA GCSE 9-1 exam syllabus, leading learning both in and out of the classroom with a range of trips and fieldwork experiences, for example, urban issues in Bristol and river studies at Cannock Chase.

All three of our Geography classrooms are large and have the latest equipment to ensure the best learning experience for the students. All KS4 students are issued with an iPad which is an essential tool for our online resources. All teaching staff are provided with a MacBook Air and iPad to support the Apple TV installed to create a 'wireless classroom'. The department also has a classroom with the latest 75" TV so that taking the students on a 'virtual fieldtrip' is possible with crisp and clear imagery.

