

# Lancaster Royal Grammar School



## Teacher of Geography

### Job Details

The Geography Department is a large and energetic department with four dedicated Geography classrooms and six members of staff. The department has a very strong academic record. At GCSE, Geography was one of the school's highest achieving subjects in 2018 (65.7% grades 9-7). In the Sixth Form, we follow the Cambridge Pre-U course, with outstanding results: 77.7% of candidates gained the equivalent of an A-level A or A\* in 2018.

Geography is a popular choice for students at both GCSE and A Level. At GCSE, 98 students study Geography across 4 classes in Year 11, and 35 students study A Level in two classes in Year 12. Each year many students apply successfully to study Geography or related courses at competitive universities.

We are a forward-thinking department keen to develop new ideas; for example, recently changing the KS3 curriculum using the Collins *Geographical Enquiry* series to consider topics as diverse as fracking, land grabbing in Africa, sinkholes and earthquakes in New Zealand. An ability to fit in with a hard-working, successful and supportive team will be important. We do not expect candidates to have taught Pre-U Geography, but the successful applicant is likely to be able to teach across the full age range including this A-Level equivalent course and AQA GCSE Geography.

The person appointed will be a committed and well-qualified teacher who is able to pass on to pupils an enthusiasm for the subject. The school is academically ambitious for all of our students. Recent achievements for the department and individual pupils have included: *Best performing Boys Grammar School for GCSE Geography* (Good Schools Guide, 2016); Winner of the *GA Physical Geography Photographic Competition* (2016); Winner of the *GA Physical Geography Photographic Competition* (2017) and *Winner of the ESRC Bigger Picture Competition* (2017).

The department is a member of the Geographical Association and the Royal Geographical Society entering students in the Young Geographer of the Year Competition each year. The school's active Geographical Society promotes talks to extend the experience of students including in lecturers from Lancaster and Aberystwyth Universities in 2018-19.

A willingness to support and participate in field-work activities is considered important by the department. Field trips are run for every age group to Ingleborough, River Wyre, Heysham, Morecambe and the Lake District. In October 2018 Sixth Form Geographers went to Iceland during half-term.

This opportunity comes at an exciting time for the school as we prepare to welcome Sixth Form girls for the first time. We are pleased to have had significant interest in Geography from external girl applicants already.

We encourage the use of debate, presentations, group work and ICT to engage learners with this exciting and contemporary subject.

### Other Duties

All staff are encouraged to make an additional contribution to the life of the school which depends on their own interests. Possible areas include drama, music, sport, boarding duties and the combined cadet force amongst many others.

The post holder's responsibility for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young persons for whom s/he is responsible, or with whom s/he comes into contact will be to adhere to and ensure compliance with the school's Child Protection Policy Statement at all times. If in the course of carrying out the duties of the post the post holder becomes aware of any actual or potential risks to the safety or welfare of children in the school s/he must report any concerns to the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead or to the Headmaster