

Head of Geography



King's School is an independent school founded on 604 AD. The Head Master is a member of HMC. The School has 590 pupils between the ages of 3 & 18, with 60 boarders. The Senior School provides for pupils between 13 & 18, and consists of 281 boys and girls. Although the School is comparatively small, it has a strong academic tradition; nearly all the pupils continue to A-Levels and go on to university (mostly Russell Group). There is Saturday morning school.

The School is situated in the most historic part of Rochester, adjacent to the Cathedral and Castle. However, it is in within easy reach of the country and is only thirty miles from London. The School is the Cathedral School, and uses the Cathedral daily as its Chapel and, although candidates need not be Anglicans, it is important that they should feel sympathy with the Christian tradition of the School.

The Geography Department is housed in two adjacent rooms and an office in the College, a building shared with the History Department close to the centre of the School. Both classrooms are equipped with computer-driven projectors and smart boards. The intranet is used substantially. The Department has two members of the teaching staff.

Pupils in year 9 have two periods of Geography per week, and are taught in three sets graded by ability in a group of subjects including Geography.

About 25 pupils a year opt to study GCSE in Geography and at present we pursue the AQA Syllabus A course on 4 periods a week. Coursework has, in recent years, centred on local climate readings and statistics.

In the 6th form we have followed the OCR AS and A level course. (The choice of courses may, of course, change with the new Head of Geography).

The Department organises day field trips for years 9, 10 and 11, all to various parts of Kent and including cycle trips for interested pupils. In the L6 (Y12), as well as field work in Kent, there has been a residential field course in the Easter Holidays, this year to Shropshire and a trip to Iceland. In the U6 (Y13) we run a field course to the Pyrenees for those studying glaciation.

Most members of staff assist with games and/or activities, so it would be helpful if the person appointed could contribute to games coaching (rugby, hockey, netball, cricket, rowing, swimming, badminton, tennis and fencing are the main sports), or the CCF (Army, Navy or RAF sections). Five academic lessons are taught on a Saturday morning with games fixtures on a Saturday afternoon.

The salary, which is pensionable under the DCSF Teachers' Superannuation Scheme, will be in line with the common pay spine. In addition, all members of staff are paid a King's Allowance, reviewed annually by the Governing Body of the School, which currently stands at 8%.

(The School can confirm QTS and there is an induction programme for NQTs.)

Applications by letter, completed application form and curriculum vitae (optional) should be sent as soon as possible to the Head Master, King's School, Rochester, Satis House, Boley Hill, Rochester, Kent ME1 1TE. Queries are welcome, addressed to Kevin Jones, the Head of the Senior School, on kbj@ksr.org.uk **Closing date for applications is Tuesday 23rd March 2010.**