



DARRICK WOOD SCHOOL

An Academy and Specialist Technology College

THE HUMANITIES FACULTY

Full-Time Geography Teacher (maternity cover from April 2018)

The Humanities Department at Darrick Wood School comprises twenty one members of staff, five who have additional responsibilities within the School.

The Faculty occupies a suite of well-equipped rooms on the first floor of the Barker Building. All classrooms have an interactive whiteboard and there is good access to ICT rooms. The Faculty are keen to use new technologies and the Geography department have recently taken part in a trial using tablet computers.

We pride ourselves on delivering an innovative and engaging curriculum that challenges our pupils as well as opening their eyes to the world around them. We have made increasing use of our Virtual Learning Environment over the last few years for setting homework, providing pupils with additional support material, sharing resources and setting up student forums.

At Key Stage 3, after a diagnostic year in Year 7, classes are set by ability. Formative assessment and extensive use of baseline data contribute to the summative level description for each pupil at the end of the Key Stage. In Years 7-9, pupils follow a syllabus derived from the National Curriculum. In Geography human and physical topics are taught including, Coasts, Earthquakes and Volcanoes, Africa, China and Globalisation. Year 7 are currently studying the new curriculum and are looking at the geological timeline and history of the earth.

At GCSE, groups are mainly mixed ability with some classes set by ability. All subjects follow the Edexcel B Syllabus. Geography has seen a significant rise in numbers over the last few years. This is a pattern that is expected to continue in the future.

Geography is a popular option at A Level and the number of classes in the Sixth Form has increased significantly and many pupils go on to study at degree level.

The Faculty has a good record of success both at GCSE and A Level.

Various extra-curricular activities are on offer and Gifted and Talented trips are planned throughout the year. Fieldtrips go out with the Geography department to Tower Hamlets, the South Coast and Dorset. The Faculty offers many trips including Italy, Greece, Iceland, Russia, Belgium and Poland.

THE POST

A full-time temporary teacher of Geography is required from April 2018 for maternity cover.

We are seeking someone who:-

- Is an enthusiastic and committed teacher who will plan and execute high quality lessons to ensure progress by all pupils;

- Will assist in the development of the curriculum and be prepared to share good practice across the Faculty;
- Will mark work regularly to provide formative feedback for pupils to revisit their work and make improvements;

Completed application forms, accompanied by a letter of application of no more than two sides of A4, stating the reasons why you are a suitable candidate for this post, should be returned to the Head Teacher at the School by Thursday 18th January 2018.