

## Geography Department Summer 2019



It has been another busy term for the geography department with both Year 7 and Year 8 students out completing fieldwork including land use mapping, environmental quality surveys, questionnaires and different physical geography techniques to investigate the process of 'longshore drift'. For many, many years we have made our way to Rochester and Herne Bay during the summer term - hoping for sunny days to help make the visits even more enjoyable. The photos here show some of our Year 8 students on the beach in Herne Bay and you can see that we were really blessed with wonderful weather. Rochester too was a great day for our Year 7s and, as well as their investigation into the impact of tourism, they were also able to enhance their history and religious studies learning with their visits to the Castle and Cathedral.

Once again I would like to thank all parents and guardians for supporting the geography department in our efforts to provide students with these 'out of the classroom' learning experiences. All 3 teachers work hard to offer, every year, our students so many primary fieldwork opportunities including **all** 540 girls in Years 7 to 9. These experiences are invaluable in that they help to develop important teamwork and leadership skills and, of course, a range of primary data collection skills – the latter of which is a key focus of both GCSE and A Level Specifications.

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Finally, I would like to thank Mr J Widdowson for all his hard work over the last 3 years. A large number of Woodford students will have been taught geography by him in Year 7, 8 or 9 and will agree that he is passionate about geography and full of knowledge about the world around us! Mr Widdowson is leaving school teaching to pursue his interests in fieldwork education and writing. We wish him the best of luck and offer him our best wishes.

**Enjoy the summer break!**  
**Mr Saxton, Head of Geography**

