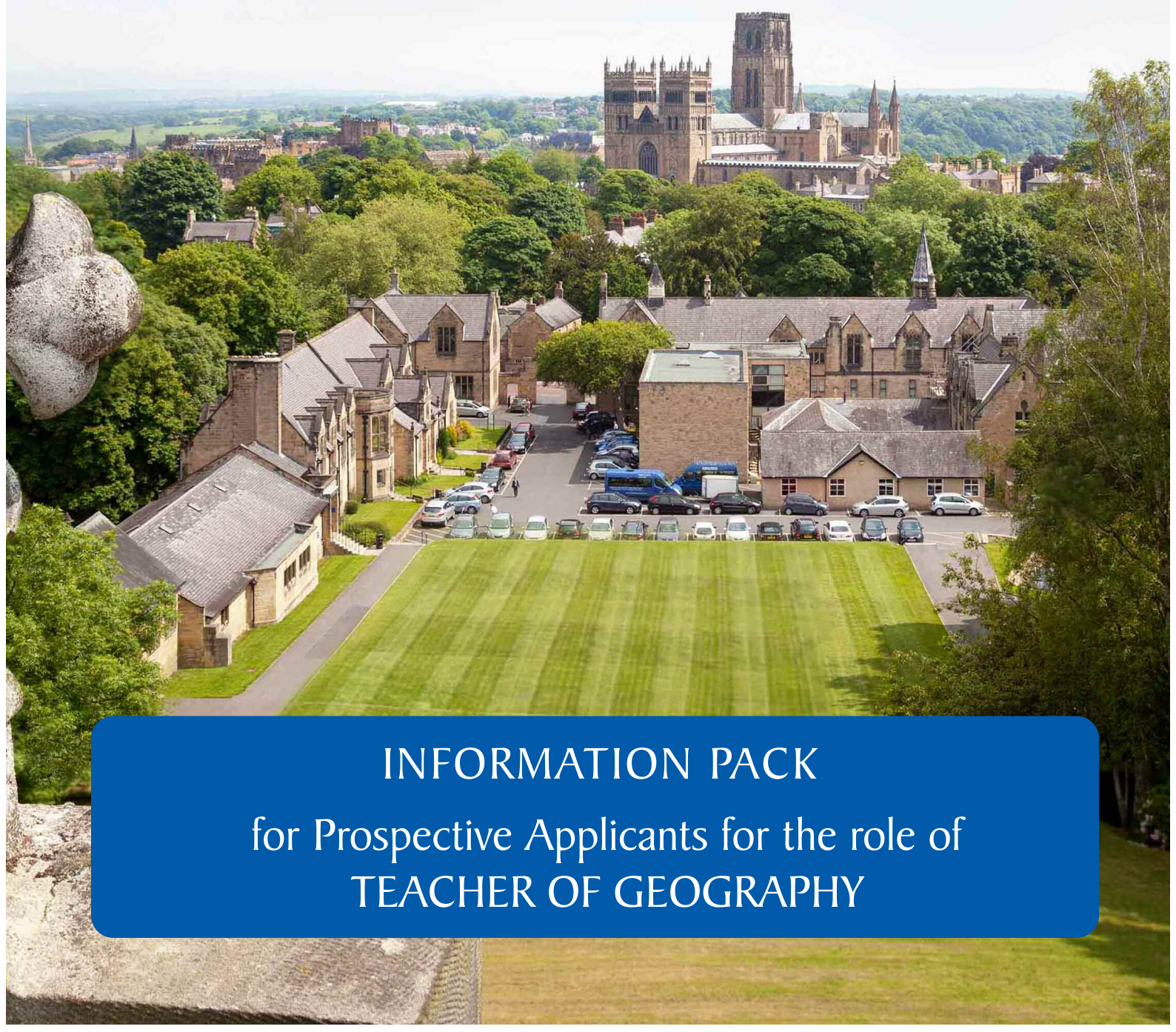




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# DURHAM SCHOOL

*Independent day & boarding school · Girls and boys · Age 3-18*



## INFORMATION PACK

for Prospective Applicants for the role of  
**TEACHER OF GEOGRAPHY**



### *The Chapel*

*The Chapel and 98 steps leading up to it were built in the 1920s' as a memorial to the 98 Old Dunelmians who died in the First World War. During the Second World War a further 79 Old Dunelmians were killed, and the names from both wars are inscribed on the pillars inside the Chapel. The pews are made by Thompson of Kilburn (the famous 'mouse man') and are inscribed with the names of Old Dunelmians.*



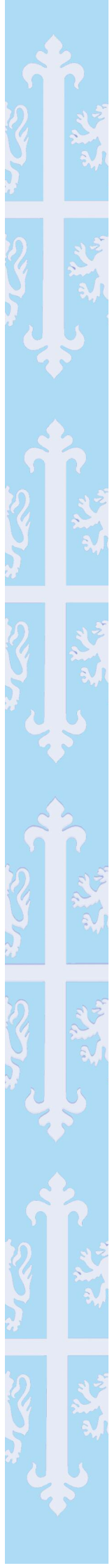


Iceland Trip 2014

## Information for Prospective Applicants for the role of Teacher of Geography at Durham School



Lower 6th fieldwork in Arran







## Senior School Structure

The Senior School is run very much on boarding school lines, with three boys' Houses (two with boarders, and one day only) and two girls' Houses, one of which has both boarders and day pupils. The School day ends at 4.30 p.m. Many day boys and day girls are involved in evening activities or do their prep at School up to 6.00pm or beyond. On most evenings of the week there are lectures and meetings beyond 6.00pm. There are no Saturday lessons but a wide range of activities and sport fixtures take place during the weekend.

## Management Structure of Senior School

The Strategic Leadership Team (SLT) consists of the Headmaster, Deputy Head (Academic), Deputy Head (Pastoral), Senior Master, Head of Sixth Form and Bursar. The Senior Management Team consists of the SLT, Head of Bow, Head of Co-Curricular, Marketing Director and Director of International Development.

## Governing Body

The Chairman of Governors is Alasdair MacConachie, a former parent and Managing Director of a major car dealership. He is supported by a Vice-Chairman and a team of other Governors who provide a wide range of experience and expertise.





## More about the Senior School

A wide range of subjects is offered at GCSE, AS, and A2 levels.

At GCSE most pupils take 9-10 subjects. Results at GCSE over the last 4 years have averaged 42% A\*-A grades and the A\*-C rate has averaged well over 90%

In the Sixth Form, Year 12 pupils have hitherto taken 4 AS levels, followed by 3 A2 courses in Year 13. Some students take General Studies to A2 and the EPQ is also offered. At A level the percentage of A\*-B grades was last year 67%, while the overall pass rate has averaged 98%. Typically over 95% of our sixth formers go on to university, and in most years we send pupils to Oxford or Cambridge. There is a strong commitment to further academic growth and to pursue excellence in all fields.

There is a vibrant community life with strong traditions in games and music. Particular sporting strengths are in rugby, rowing, cricket and hockey: each year a number of pupils gain regional or national representative honours in one sport or another. In addition athletics, swimming, cross-country, squash, waterpolo, biathlon, tennis, golf, sailing, basketball and badminton are pursued by both boys and girls. The three sections of the CCF use the excellent facilities in the locality for training and run annual military and adventure training camps. The Duke of Edinburgh Award is very popular with, each year, over 100 pupils being involved at one level or another. The school has a long tradition of overseas expeditions; with recent destinations including Borneo, Tanzania, Vietnam, India, Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands. There are many clubs and non-sporting activities which operate each week, mainly between 4.30 p.m. and 6.00 p.m.

Music is of a very high standard. There is a variety of vocal and instrumental groups and ensembles, and all have regular opportunities to perform. The school performs regularly at prestigious venues such as The Sage, Gateshead, Durham Cathedral and York Minster. In 2012 the school was appointed as an All Steinway School, one of a very small number in the UK, in recognition of the excellence of music throughout the school. There are also many oppor-

tunities for drama at various levels and the School has a small but well equipped theatre. Recent major productions have included "Les Miserables", "The Crucible", "The Comedy of Errors", "Bouncers and Shakers" and "Godspell". In 2014 the school returns to the Gala Theatre in Durham for a performance of "Les Miserables", part of our 600 year anniversary celebrations.







*Oh What a Lovely War!*

Monday 22 October  
Tuesday 23 October  
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Tickets £4  
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This amateur production by arrangement with Samuel French Ltd

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7.30pm in the Luce Theatre

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Tickets £4.00(concessions) & £6.00 in the Grove





## More about the Junior School

Bow, Durham School, is situated some 800 metres from the Senior School in its own spacious and attractive grounds. Bow has developed from a boys 3-13 boarding and day prep school into a co-educational 3-11 day school. Typically, all Bow Year 6 pupils will transfer into the Senior School. Bow provides outstanding pastoral care, is strong academically and particularly noted for the strength of its sport and music.

## Developments

Recent years have seen major improvements and additions to facilities. Major refurbishments have been completed in all Houses and, in ICT, computer labs have been upgraded to provide 50 new terminals. IT development is a capital priority, with new infrastructure providing a 100Mbps broadband speed. Full wireless provision across the entire 3-18 campus, backed by a major server upgrade will take place over the next 12 months.

In 2013 the school appointed a Head of Digital Strategy to lead on the development of an innovative digital learning environment and also in 2013 the School opened a Costa Coffee café which has been a significant addition to the catering provision.

Sporting development has seen the equipping of new fitness facilities, boat club development and facilities link ups with Durham University. Curriculum investment has seen the addition of several new A Level subjects, including Photography, Politics and Psychology. A Sixth Form Centre was opened in 2012. The Governors have also completed a major development at Bow in the last 3 years, including a new outdoor adventure playground and IT upgrades. Across the whole site future plans include digital signage, boarding development, a new sports pavilion, new science laboratories and library development.





## The Geography Department

Geography at Durham school is taught in an enviable location to inspire students to investigate the world around them. Opportunities for fieldwork within the study geography are plentiful and close by. The two dedicated geography classrooms are surrounded by extensive deciduous woodlands, are 5 minutes walk from the sweeping meanders of the River Wear and the medieval cathedral city is within easy reach.

All pupils at the school study Geography as a separate subject in years 7-9. New schemes of work have been put in place this year to provide a challenging curriculum relevant to the main geographical issues and concepts that young adults are likely to encounter in their lives, whilst encouraging their sense of place. A breadth of topics including Mapskills, Urban Places and Rivers in Y7, Ecosystems and Tectonics in Y8 and Globalisation and Resources in Y9 are studied with a focus on critical thinking practices, decision making and practical experience of fieldwork. The department is one in which students demonstrate a positive attitude to learning, resilience when tackling problems and self-motivation with regard to high standards of work and behaviour.

At GCSE there are at present two mixed-ability sets of 12-20 pupils. We follow the AQA IGCSE course. Topics include coasts, tectonics, urban issues,

tourism, geographical skills and decision making. The new AQA syllabus for first delivery in September 2016 is being planned. Last year the department achieved 87 % A\*-C for GCSE results.

At A Level there are two sets in Y12 and one in Y13 and we follow the OCR A Level course. Current topics for AS are rivers, coasts, cold environments, tourism, urban and energy issues. At A2 we study climatic hazards, earth hazards, globalisation and fieldwork skills. The new reformed A Level syllabus for first delivery in September 2016 is being planned. Last year at A Level the department achieved 75% A\*-B and at AS level 66% A\*-C.

Fieldwork is an integral part of the study for examination courses. Y10 carry out a day of fieldwork at a local coastline and a local tourism study. The Y12 pupils attend a fieldcourse on the Isle of Arran. Since 2005 the department has run a voluntary biennial trip to Iceland.

The position arises from the retirement of a current Teacher of Geography.

## Application Process

Full details of the post and the application process can be found on our website: [www.durhamschool.co.uk/vacancies.asp](http://www.durhamschool.co.uk/vacancies.asp) or by contacting Mrs Susan Spence, Headmaster's PA on 0191 386 4783. The deadline for applications is Monday 14th March 2016 but please feel free to submit your application as soon as possible. Interviews will be held the week commencing Monday 21st March 2016.

Durham School is committed to promoting the safeguarding of children and expects all employees to share this commitment. Any job offer will be made subject to satisfactory checks, including an enhanced DBS disclosure. Durham School is an equal opportunities employer and welcomes applications regardless of age, gender, race, religion, disability or sexual orientation.



Glacier walk, Iceland 2014



Year 10 coastal fieldwork





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