

# Liz Crisp, Head of Geography

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Liz Crisp, Head of Geography at St Margaret's School for Girls in Aberdeen, was awarded Chartered Geographer (Teacher) status in 2009. Here's what she has to say about Chartered Geographer (Teacher).....

## **Why did you decide to apply to become a Chartered Geographer (Teacher)**

This was an opportunity to enable me to further develop my geographical skills and knowledge with support from my school and to gain some professional recognition for the work I currently undertake whilst encouraging me to consider new opportunities.

## **How did you find the application process?**

It took longer than I had expected but was a useful process in helping me to reflect on my career to date and also encouraged me to be thinking of the future. I submitted a draft for comment and was able to then include specific evidence of impact on the wider geographical community.

## **What sort of experience and activities did you include in your professional self evaluation report?**

My role within and outside school, participation in various geography related groups and organisations.

I included web links to work I had completed, copies of certificates gained, follow up letters to good practice visits by HMIE, professional review and development reports and really made me think about factors that would be relevant to the application.

## **How have your Headteacher and senior management team responded to you gaining the accreditation?**

Very supportive and encouraging, details of the award were included in the school newsletter and in the Headteacher's report on Speech Day.

## **As the CGeog (Teacher) network grows, what would you like to see happen / be available to you?**

Ability to participate in CPD events more readily and more frequently outside London.

## **Any words of advice for aspiring Chartered Geographer (Teachers)?**

I have found it to be a very worthwhile and enjoyable exercise.