

GEOGRAPHY

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Course Content

KS3

Through Years 7, 8 and 9, learners are gradually introduced to Geographical content and skills before putting this knowledge to use in complex units.

At present, Year 7 learners study units on Water, Geographical Techniques, Weather & Climate and UK Geography. By the end of Year 7 learners will:

- Understand how Geographers enquire into the distribution of water and who is affected by this.
- Develop skills such as map reading which enable them to describe and analyse more complex patterns of UK and world geography.
- Learn some ways of measuring the weather and analyse the particular characteristics of UK weather.
- Apply their understanding of Geography to describe some features of the UK's human and physical geography.

In Year 8 learners study units on Africa, the Geography of Disease, Changing Climates and the Olympics & London's Regeneration. By the end of Year 8 learners will:

- Compare various aspects of African geography with that of the UK.
- Describe the global distribution of various diseases, like AIDS, Malaria & Bird Flu.
- Develop opinions to assess the impact of, and possible solutions to, worldwide climate change.
- Understand the impact of the 2012 London Olympics on the urban geography of London.

Year 9 learners study units on Volcanoes and Earthquakes, the Geography of Conflict, Population and India. By the end of Year 9 learners will:

- Develop their knowledge of the scientific processes which cause tectonic hazards.
- Analyse geographical patterns of conflict within and between countries.
- Be able to describe the effects of population change in UK Geography.
- Judge the impact of the changing geography of India on its development.

KS4

Learners studying GCSE Geography will use, and build on, the knowledge they have gained during KS3 to complete a controlled assessment which is worth 25% of their grade.

The other 75% of the learner's grade is made up of two exams which focus on 'Human Geography' and 'Physical Geography' respectively. The exam board is AQA and Syllabus is 'A'.

How Learners are Assessed

Assessment within KS3 is undertaken for each topic in order for progress to be assessed regularly. Specific extended tasks which seek to test understanding of the topic are given. Each requires revision and preparation to express the ideas learnt as well as general literacy skills.

Learners are issued with target levels and success criteria which will allow them to independently plan for their assignment. The success criteria issued corresponds to the National Curriculum guidance.

Homework

Homework is set once every two weeks in KS3 and weekly in KS4 and is vital to the progression of learners. It will typically complement class work, following on from material covered in lessons and could take a variety of forms such as reading comprehension, an extended writing task or a more independent research project.

Revision, Intervention and Enrichment

Learners aiming to improve their GCSE performance can attend after school sessions on Tuesday. Sessions are run regularly in the holidays, to allow learners to prepare fully for their GCSE exams.