

Why do we learn Geography?

We believe that students deserve a broad, progressive and ambitious curriculum, rich in skills and knowledge and Geography offers this in abundance. Geography stimulates curiosity and a wonder of their world and prepares them well for future learning or employment. Our Geography curriculum will give students the opportunity to develop an understanding of the world around them and their place within it. This will enable students to become global citizens and have the cultural literacy to be role models for the future and set a trail for others to emulate.

How do we learn in Geography lessons?

Pupils follow the National Curriculum for Key Stage 3 Geography, which is approached thematically to prepare pupils for the demands of Key Stage 4 and the world beyond it.

Our Curriculum Map reflects our knowledge-rich curriculum offer. Knowledge is sequenced, progressive and assessed regularly in lessons and in the form of summative assessments. Pupils are regularly required to undertake effective retrieval practice and apply their knowledge as we work through the learning programme, practising their Geography skills along the way.

In Key Stage 4, pupils look to cement the core knowledge of KS3; they are expected to demonstrate an informed and mature understanding of the key themes. Pupils follow the AQA Geography GCSE specification. They are taught one section of the GCSE specification at a time for each paper, covering 6 themes, Geography skills and fieldwork across the two year course. Knowledge is prioritised: it is defined in Knowledge PLCs, is the focus of retrieval and interleaving throughout each term and is tested at the end to inform gaps to be plugged. The Subject Site is also a key vehicle for this and has all of the lesson resources as well as an additional section dedicated to GCSE Geography revision.

What do we learn in Geography lessons?

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 7	What skills does a Geographer need?	Why are some locations more at risk of Tectonic Hazards? Does our Earth contain 7 different worlds?	What are the challenges and opportunities facing Africa?
Year 8	The Geography of China	Geography of Conflict	Ecosystems and environmental catastrophes
Year 9	How does water shape our	Instagram vs Reality: The	The Geography of Russia

	land?	Middle East	
Year 10	UK Physical landscapes: Rivers and Coasts Fieldwork	Living with the Physical World: Natural Hazards	The Living World: Ecosystems (Hot deserts and Tropical Rainforests)
Year 11	Urban issues and Challenges	The Changing Economic World Fieldwork	The Challenge of Resource Management Paper 3 Pre-release: Issue Evaluation