

Geography Department Curriculum Year 10

The courses and exam boards students follow:-

The school will be delivering the AQA syllabus. The course aims to cover key human and physical geographical enquiries to increase knowledge and skills of the subject in order to prepare them for their final GCSE Geography exam in year 11. Students will also be taken on a fieldtrip to investigate a key geographical investigation which will be accessed in their final year 11 exam.

Useful course materials / revision guides / study aids to support your child at home:-

Subscribe to the Geographical Magazine/National Geographic:

<http://geographical.co.uk/>

<http://national-geographic-magazine.co.uk/>

Read and watch the BBC News. Catch up on the weeks' headlines at: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround>

List of resources in the academy available to borrow from our Library:-

'Atlas of People and Places' – Phillip Steele, 'Usbourne Geography Encyclopedia' – Fiona Brown, 'World Fact Files: Peru' & 'Changing Face of Brazil' – Edward Parker, Any Geographical based novel in the Library (i.e. expedition novels).

Students are assessed by:-

Extended written assessments every half term. Assessments will also focus on geographical skills progression i.e. the ability to interpret photographs. They will also be assessed in the year 10 and 11 mock exams.

Homework help and advice available from:-

Pupils can attend the Geography Homework Club every Wednesday 2.55-3.55pm for any help/support they require. Revision classes after school will also be arranged to help students prepare for their exams.

Useful apps and website to support this stage of learning:-

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zrw76sg>

<https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/mapzone/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/geography/>

There are also a wide range of you tube clips linked to subjects covered (e.g., plate tectonics)

My child is struggling – what can I do?

Speak with your child about what they are struggling with and use the resources above to support their learning. If you feel the problem requires teacher intervention then encourage them to attend Homework Club or write a note for their subject teacher in their planner should any questions arise.

My child loves this subject – what else can they do

Regularly watch the news and weather and discuss key Geographical stories (e.g., earthquakes).

Encourage and allow your child to explore the outside environment (local National Park/ urban environment). This will help to understanding many of the concepts covered in Geography. National Trust is also useful for accessing places of Geographical interest. Encourage your child to read the news to widen their world knowledge. Documentaries about animals (Planet Earth), extreme environments (e.g.: Antarctica) and key events (e.g.; volcano in Iceland) may also help to support their learning.

Ensure that they are spending time completing homework to a good standard and during assessment / exam period test them on key geographical terms and command words. Encourage the use of the revision guide and other revision materials available from their Teacher.

Topics covered

<u>Sept-Oct</u>		<u>Oct-Dec</u>	
<u>Topics studied:</u> The Living World Ecostyems Tropical rainforests Cold environments	<u>Key Vocabulary:</u> Inter relationships Components Characteristics Large scale ecosystem Small scale ecosystem Biodiversity Deforestation	<u>Topics studied:</u> The Living World Ecostyems Tropical rainforests Cold environments	<u>Key Vocabulary:</u> Inter relationships Components Characteristics Large scale ecosystem Small scale ecosystem Biodiversity Deforestation
<u>Activities and ways to help at home:</u> Watch and read the news. Understanding ways in which news / data is being presented. Homework completed to a high standard.		<u>Activities and ways to help at home:</u> Watch and read the news. Understanding ways in which news / data is being presented. Homework completed to a high standard.	
<u>Jan-Feb</u>		<u>Feb-Mar</u>	
<u>Topics</u> UK physical landscapes Coastal landscapes in the UK	<u>Key Vocabulary:</u> Processes weathering Erosion Transportation Deposition Formation	<u>Topics</u> UK physical landscapes Coastal landscapes in the UK	<u>Key Vocabulary:</u> Processes weathering Erosion Transportation Deposition Formation
<u>Activities and ways to help at home:</u> Location of key coastal and rivers revised through 'ABC Geography'. Visit a coastal environment and identify the key features/processes/management in place.		<u>Activities and ways to help at home:</u> Location of key coastal and rivers revised through 'ABC Geography'. Visit a coastal environment and identify the key features/processes/management in place.	
<u>Apr-May</u>		<u>Jun-July</u>	
<u>Topics</u> River Landscapes in the UK Urban issues and challenges	<u>Key Vocabulary:</u> Hydraulic action Abrasion Attrition Management Landform	<u>Topics studied</u> Field trip investigation. Being prepared for year 10 mock exams.	<u>Key Vocabulary:</u> Command words such as describe/explain/discuss/to what extent Hypotheses Methodology Data analysis Conclusion Evaluation
<u>Activities and ways to help at home:</u> Visit a local river and understand the features/processes taking place.		Revision guide. Produce mind maps and flash cards to aid revision.	