

## **Key Stage 3 Geography**

The KS3 Geography Curriculum is diverse and allows students to be fully prepared if they wish to continue to study Geography at GCSE level.

**Year 7 Topics** –Exploring Britain, Kenya, Ecosystems and Skills.

**Year 8 Topics** – Energy, Development, Coasts, Extreme Weather Conditions, Rivers, Flooding.

**Year 9 Topics** – Population/Urbanisation, Landscapes and Climate of the UK, Geographical Skills

(GCSE Course).

During the KS3 course, students are introduced to a variety of skills that will directly feed into the GCSE course. These will include:

**Analytical skills** – geographical investigations test hypotheses and involve data analysis.

**Computer literacy** – using PowerPoint, google research, use of Chromebooks.

**Self-Management** – managing resources and time for Independent Learning Tasks (ILT).

**Numeracy and Literacy** – using graphs and other data and analysing them.

**Teamwork** – fieldwork and group work will help develop leadership skills.

**Spatial Awareness** – map reading helps to understand a sense of place.

**Problem Solving** – thinking of questions and then being able to answer them.

**Social and Environmental Awareness** – being aware of the world.

## **Key Stage 4 Geography**

At KS4 students study the OCR 'A' GCSE Geography syllabus. The modules encompass many aspects of both physical and human geography. All resources and class work are available to all students via Google Classroom. Student's are welcome to join our Focus groups sessions this year, which are held on a Tuesday week B either during a lunchtime and after school.

### **Subject Content**

Unit 1: **Living in the UK Today** (1-hour exam).

Unit 2: **The World around Us** (1-hour exam).

### Unit 3: **Geographical Skills and Fieldwork** (1 hour 30 minute exam).

The OCR specification allows the opportunity to develop:

- Communication skills.
- Graph and map skills.
- ICT skills.
- Interpersonal skills via debate and discussion.
- Literacy and numeracy.
- Problem solving skills.
- Awareness of career possibilities.
- Personalised and independent learning.
- A sound foundation for students who wish to continue the study of geography.
- A clear understanding of the world around you.

### **Geography Fieldwork**

During KS3 students we are looking to offer a local fieldwork opportunity at Blackpool Brook during Year 8. We will also be using the school grounds in Year 7 and 9 to refine our fieldwork skills.

KS4 students will also need to take part in a field studies weekend for their GCSE studies to study various fieldwork techniques on coasts and rivers. The trip is currently at Nettlecombe Court, Somerset. There will also be a field trip to Gloucester Quays to study Human Geography. The fieldwork opportunities are extremely important in helping consolidate work taught in the classroom for the Paper 3 exam (40%).

### **Geography in the News Club - Friday lunch time.**

- Would you like to work for a newspaper?
- Do you have aspirations of working as a journalist?
- Do you enjoy learning about the world and what is happening around us?
- Do you have a creative mind and enjoy drawing?
- Do you enjoy researching?



We need enthusiastic students to create and maintain a display in the Geography department about Geography in the News. Whatever your skill there is a place for you in this exciting new club.

Geography in the news!

<http://www.geographyinthenews.rgs.org/>