

Curriculum Intent Statements

Faculty	Cultural				
Subject	Geography				
<p>Studying geography develops an understanding of the world beyond our own experiences, nurturing awe and wonder about the interaction of people, places, and the environment. Geography develops curiosity; encouraging learners to ask thoughtful questions and find answers to issues affecting their own lives and the lives of others both now and in the future. So why is geography important? Watching or reading the daily news highlights that the most important issues facing the world are geography related.</p> <p>The geography team seeks to foster an understanding of the ever-changing world that we live in, at a local, national, and global scale. By studying the most recent events, the team strives to prepare learners to become global citizens, giving them a voice on issues such as energy use, climate change, uneven development, and resource management as they continue to affect our lives as well as those of our global community.</p> <p>At Key Stage 3, we follow the National Curriculum which covers a wide range of topic areas. Learners are encouraged to think critically and creatively, learning about different places and geographical events whilst developing cross-curricular skills such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interpreting different sources of information for example, maps and graphs • Developing mathematical thinking • Critical thinking and decision making and social awareness • Verbal and written communication skills integrated into thematic topics covered <p>At Key Stage 4, students study the AQA GCSE 1-9 Geography course. The assessment for the course is linear and students sit three examinations at the end of Year 11. Fieldwork is an integral part of the course and 2 days of fieldwork are completed. Topics studied at GCSE include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coastal Environments • River Systems • Ecosystems • Tectonic Hazards • Resource Development • Globalisation • Urban Development <p>The course prepares students to continue to study geography at A-level and pursue it at university. The benefits of a Geography degree continue well beyond graduation. A 2020 report by the IFS (Institute for Fiscal Studies), placed Geography among the top subjects for graduate earnings. The data, derived from Department for Education statistics, showed that female Geography graduates earn over 10% more than the average female graduate, while male Geographers are more than 2% above par. Geography graduate earnings outperform many other subjects, including Technology, Biosciences and History.</p>					
Curriculum Time / Week	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
	2	2	3	3	3
KS4 Qualifications	AQA GCSE Geography 9-1				
Useful Learning Resources	My Revision notes- AQA GCSE Geography (Hodder Education) CGP-GCSE AQA Geography Revision question cards.				
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