

Geography | GCSE

TEACHER RESPONSIBLE FOR COURSE: Mrs R Kenshole

DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

Why is Geography useful? Because it is relevant, stimulating and interesting!

"More than ever we need geographical skills to help us learn about our planet - how we use it and how we abuse it." Michael Palin

The Geography course will interest students who care about the world they live in and what is happening now – both in our local area and to the whole planet. You will have to think carefully about how we should look after our world and consider your viewpoints on many current issues. We live on a planet with greatly differing standards of living depending on where we live. What should our attitude be towards those who are less well off than ourselves?

We are also living in an age where we are using up resources and destroying the natural landscape at an ever-increasing rate. What should we do about it? The skills you develop will help you interpret information and make sense of what is going on in the world. Through your fieldwork and coursework you will become good at using maps, reading diagrams and understanding statistics, all valuable requirements for future employers.

Full course

Full course students will be following the new AQA syllabus
www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/gcse

This exciting and relevant course studies geography in a balanced framework of physical and human themes and investigates the link between them. Students will travel the world from the classroom, exploring case studies in the United Kingdom (UK), newly emerging economies (NEEs) and lower income countries (LICs). Topics of study include climate change, poverty, deprivation, global shifts in economic power and the challenge of sustainable resource use. Students are also encouraged to understand their role in society, by considering different viewpoints, values and attitudes. Remember, Geography Rocks!

We will continue to enhance the learning with excellent fieldwork opportunities. These could include visits to Exeter, Dawlish Warren, Cornwall and Bristol.

Method of Assessment

Paper 1: Living with the physical environment

- The challenges of natural hazards
- Physical landscapes in the UK
- The living world
- Geographical skills

How it's assessed: Written exam

1 hour 30 minutes / 88 marks (including 3 marks for spelling, punctuation, grammar and specialist terminology (SPGST)) / 35% of GCSE

Paper 2: Challenges in the human environment

- Urban issues and challenges
- The changing economic world
- The challenge of resource management
- Geographical skills

How it's assessed: Written exam

1 hour 30 minutes / 88 marks (including 3 marks for SPGST) / 35% of GCSE

Paper 3: Geographical applications

Issue evaluation
Fieldwork
Geographical skills

How it's assessed: Written exam

1 hour 15 mins / 76 marks (including 6 marks for SPGST) / 30% of GCSE