



Department: Geography

Overview

Geography is studied by all at Key Stage 3. The curriculum aims to equip pupils with knowledge about diverse places, people, resources and natural and human environments, together with a deep understanding of the Earth's key physical and human processes. As pupils progress, their growing knowledge about the world should help them to deepen their understanding of the interaction between physical and human processes, and the formation and use of landscapes and environments. Geographical knowledge, understanding and skills provide the frameworks and approaches that explain how the Earth's features at different scales are shaped, interconnected and change over time.

At Key Stage 4 pupils follow the GCSE AQA specification. As part of the course pupils will complete two field trips, one to a human environment and one to a physical environment; pupils will be assessed on these studies as part of their GCSE examination.

Assessment

Pupils are assessed every half term via end of topic test for each unit. Pupils are given feedback on their assessment and set targets with guidance of how to improve their work.

Grouping & Setting

Geography is taught in mixed ability sets at KS3. Geography is an option subject at KS4 and is also taught in mixed ability classes.

Support/ Revision/ Extra Curricular and Useful Websites

- CGP KS4 revision book.
- The department runs a number of trips at KS4 and KS3 to
 - build on their knowledge of globes, maps and atlases and apply and develop this knowledge routinely in the classroom and in the field,
 - interpret Ordnance Survey maps in the classroom and the field, including using grid references and scale, topographical and other thematic mapping, and aerial and satellite photographs,
 - use Geographical Information Systems (GIS) to view, analyse and interpret places and data,
 - use fieldwork in contrasting locations to collect, analyse and draw conclusions from geographical data using multiple sources of increasingly complex information.