

Year 8

Geography

Introduction and Overview

Without Geography, you're nowhere, Geography is our world, Geography is going places! Geography is about people and places and how they interact. Geographical education represents and interprets places.

There has never been a better or more important time to study geography. With growing interest in issues such as climate change, migration, environmental degradation and social cohesion, geography is one of the most relevant courses you could choose to study.

Geography is taught by:

Mr R Sanders (subject lead and Director of Faculty)

Mrs L Morcumb

Miss J Johnson

Students follow a scheme of learning that builds upon their own personal geographies and expand this into the wider world, developing geographical skills as they progress.

Themes in year 8 include:

- The structure of the earth – Earthquakes and Volcanoes
- Global Environmental Region including rainforest and hot deserts
- China - A new world power
- The power of rivers

How to support your child

Check your child's exercise book regularly and talk to them about their work

Check your child's homework planner and ask them about their homework

Help with making a comfortable work space where they can do their homework and help them manage their time so that homework and revision is completed on time

Have access to an atlas at home.

If you're planning a day out, visit a museum or gallery that will tie in with work your child is doing in subjects such Geography, History, or Religion Philosophy and Ethics - this can be a fun way to add depth and interest to your child's learning.

Encourage your child to watch Geography related television programmes and documentaries.

Encourage your child to take an interest in places when you go on journeys.

Web Links

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/11_16/site/geography.shtml

(This is an archived site but was accessible in March 2015)

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

Key stage 3 BBC bitesize

Additional Reading

Any of the "Horrible Geography" books

Bloomin' Rainforests (2001)

Perishing Poles (2002)

Violent Volcanoes (1999)

Earth-Shattering Earthquakes (17 November 2000)