

Geography KS3 Curriculum

At KS3 Geography students cover a range of key skills on which they will be assessed throughout years 7, 8 and 9. The skills will build upon what they have learnt in previous years and become progressively harder from year 7 to year 9. The skills the students are assessed on are also key skills at GCSE.

	Cartographic Skills/ Extended Explanation		Graphs Numeracy/ Extended Explanation		Sketching and annotation/ Extended Explanation
Year 7	Settlement Map Skills		Tourism		Biomes
Year 8	Coasts	Geography of Disease	Global Cooling and Warming	Globalisation	Geography of Britain
Year 9	The Rise and Rise of China	Rivers	Population	Tectonics	Weather

Links to National Curriculum

Year 7- Overview

The topics covered in year 7 covers many elements of the new national curriculum including interpreting Ordnance Survey maps in the classroom and the field, using grid references and scale. Students develop their knowledge of place by learning about locations such as the Middle East in A Watery World topic and Africa and the Arctic in the topic Biomes.

Year 8- Overview

The year 8 curriculum includes core Human Geography from the national curriculum in the modules of Globalisation and the Geography of Disease where issues of urbanisation and population are explored. Core Physical themes such as weathering and biodiversity are explored in the topics of Coasts and The Geography of Britain.

Year 9– Overview

Key compulsory locations in the national curriculum are covered in year 9 such as China in the module the Rise and Rise of China. The students explore the Physical and Human Geography of each location with focus on specific rural and urban areas including Chongqing in China. Core physical Geography is explored in the topics of Plate Tectonics, Rivers and Weather where the students will undertake some fieldwork relating to microclimates.

Globes, Maps and Atlases are used throughout KS3 and the use of them is planned into each SOW. Each assessment will test student’s knowledge on all of the topics they have covered throughout the year.