



Geography

In Year 9, students study four units to prepare them for the AQA GCSE course.

In Year 9 students begin to investigate in greater detail a range of places and environments at different scales around the world. Through the study of four units, students learn about geographical patterns and processes and how political, economic, social and environmental factors affect contemporary geographical issues. They also learn about how places and environments are interdependent. They use a wide range of geographical skills and resources such as maps, satellite images and ICT.

In Year 9 students study 4 topics:-

- **The Development Gap** - patterns of world development, global inequalities, richer and poorer countries, trade, debt, aid and sustainable development.
- **Challenge of Weather and Climate** – weather and climate in the UK, depressions and anticyclones, evidence for global climate change, causes and consequences of global climate change, tropical revolving storms.
- **Population Change** – causes and effects of global population change, population pyramids, strategies to deal with rapid population growth in China and India, the impacts of an ageing population, migration within the European Union.
- **Coastal Landscapes in the UK** – processes of coastal erosion, transportation and deposition, coastal landforms, human impact in coastal environments and protection of coastal landscapes.

Through the study of these topics, students will have the opportunity to fully develop the essential skills of geographical enquiry, graphicacy, visual literacy and geographical communication.

Assessment will be through GCSE-style questions and end-of-unit tests, with students being assessed using GCSE grade descriptions. Students do not take any actual GCSE examinations during Year 9 however the final topic (Coastal Landscapes in the UK) is an actual topic from the GCSE which they will be examined on during Year 11.

Homework

All homework tasks are available through Show My Homework.

What parents/carers can do at home to help:

- Encourage pupils to read and use maps whenever possible when at home, on days out or on holiday.
- Encourage pupils to complete the homework tasks that are set for them and make use of the range materials available to help with this through the Geography section of the VLE as well as on Show My Homework.
- Encourage pupils to take an interest in world events by looking for stories connected to Geography and the environment in the news.