

Geography

Subject overview:

In Geography we aim to get students to make progress towards becoming a geographer, understanding and valuing the importance of the subject to their life now and in their future. We work to develop skills, knowledge and understanding of local and worldwide environmental issues. We look at change and the impact resulting from research and our own investigations. Activities are designed to encourage students develop enquiry- based study and independent research skills whilst developing and building on their studies at KS3.

KS3: What is covered, topics etc.

In Key Stage 3 students follow the Geography National Curriculum with subject such as our planet, weather, climate, migration and rivers. It is supplemented by some elements of The ASDAN Geography Short course.

Students are assessed on their Geographical Knowledge, Understanding and skills of enquiry along with analysing research from Primary and Secondary sources.

The ASDAN Modules covered in Key Stage 3 are: Module 1 - My Place looking at our local environment and issues surrounding this; Module 4 – Sport and Leisure- local sports team and issues around this ; Module 5 – Holidays – which looks at tourism, travel and locations round the world and Module 6 - Global Independence – Carbon footprint, Fair trade and sustainability.

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KS4: What is covered, topics/qualification etc.

In Key Stage 4 students are working towards an ASDAN qualification in the Geography Short Course. The course has a variety of ways of recording skills including: The Importance of Key/Core Skills; Learning; Teamwork; Coping with Problems; Use of IT; Use of English and Use of Maths.

The course focuses on 6 Key Geographical Skills including: Observation, Inquiry, Testing and Applying Knowledge, Presenting Data, Making Comparisons and Using Maps.

The ASDAN Modules covered in Key Stage 3 are: Module 2 – Food, Energy and Waste – renewable energy and CO2 emissions and carbon footprint; Module 3 – Physical Processes – changes to landscape, earthquakes and volcanoes; Module 7 – The BRICS – focused study on 5 Countries and comparing the different aspects ; Module 8 – Big Issues – current issues in the world; fast food, natural disasters, food aid and Module 9 – Why do People Move? Emigration and social/employment mobility

