

*Respect.
Resilience.
Responsibility...*



GEOGRAPHY INTENT

PROMISE #1 ETHOS & VALUES

The Geography Department aims to develop understanding of the world in which we all live and share. We encourage students to consider their future world, by exploring key issues, landforms and world changes. Through their geography lessons, students have opportunities to explore the world from their own classroom, as they investigate case studies from the UK, Europe, and the wider world. Students are also encouraged to understand their own role in society, through the careful consideration of different cultures, viewpoints and values. We want to create successful learners who progress and achieve, considerate individuals who lead safe and healthy lives and responsible citizens who make a positive contribution to society.

PROMISE #2 SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE

Geography encourages the development of a wide range of transferable skills. Students of Geography should be capable of doing all of the following:

- You can understand what motivates people, what they think and how they feel.
- You are able to gather and read different kinds of information.
- You can read maps, graphs and other diagrams, and accurately interpret different types of data.
- You are able to communicate clearly and effectively, both verbally and in writing.
- You are able to present arguments and consider different viewpoints.
- You are able to work safely in different locations through experience on fieldwork.
- You are able to use specialised fieldwork equipment to gather information about the locations you visit.
- You will confidently use specialist geographical vocabulary.

PROMISE #3 COURSES & QUALIFICATIONS

Key Stage 3

All students study Geography at Key Stage 3, enabling them to investigate a variety of aspects of physical and human geography. Students explore areas as varied as Urban Challenges, Coasts, Earthquakes, Brazil, Ecosystems, Africa, China, Climate, Map Skills, Tourism and the UK.

Key Stage 4

At Key Stage 4, students complete a full GCSE qualification in Geography, with examinations taking place at the end of Year 11; students are also required to take part in fieldwork. They will sit three examinations at the end of Year 11:

- Paper 1: Living with the Physical Environment (35% of GCSE);
- Paper 2: Challenges in the Human Environment (35% of GCSE);
- Paper 3: Geographical Applications (30% of GCSE).

During the course, students will investigate themes such as Natural Hazards, Weather Hazards, Climate Change, Ecosystems, Physical Landscapes in the UK, Urban Issues and Challenges, the Changing Economic World, the Challenge of Resource Management and Fieldwork.

PROMISE #4 Where this will take me in the future...

The study of Geography lets you develop skills which could lead to many different career choices. Some examples of careers you could choose are:

Accountancy, Administration, Archaeology, Architecture, Broadcasting, Civil Service, Diplomatic Service, Drama Theatre and the Performing Arts, Education, Environment and Conservation, Finance, Geographical Information Systems (GIS), Information Management, Law, Media, Teaching, Public Relations, Journalist, Legal Executive, Police, Politics, Publishing, Sales and Marketing, Solicitor, Tourism, Town Planning and TV Researching. The opportunities are endless...

Geography is accepted by almost all employers and universities as the wide range of skills and knowledge provided allows the student to develop as an individual. Most universities offer courses featuring this subject to give students the opportunity for further development.