

Curriculum Intent

At My Online Schooling, the aim of the Geography curriculum is to highlight and promote the hugely important role that Geography plays in understanding how the world works in an increasingly globalised society and economy. Our key objective as a department is to inspire in pupils a curiosity and fascination about the world in which they live. We hope to enable them to thrive in their learning and to equip our pupils with the tools in their journey to becoming well-rounded adults who can contribute positively to their local and global community. Pupils will gain knowledge and core skills as part of our 21st Century curriculum and embedded within their learning is the development of their literacy and numeracy skills.

The Geography department aims to foster a fundamental fascination for the world around us and up-skill our pupils to successfully explore their local and global geography. They will be encouraged and empowered to gain an appreciation and understanding of diverse places, people, resources and natural and human environments, together with a deep understanding of the Earth's key physical and human processes. We aim to enhance the cultural capital of our pupils here at My Online Schooling through the variety of topics we cover. The curriculum will foster a respect for the diverse cultural mix of our school community and also equip our pupils to explore their understanding of the world through the contrasting topics. Our primary aim is to ensure our pupils feel valued and that they have a voice on their learning journey here at My Online Schooling.

Implementation

Key Stage 3 Geography at My Online Schooling is a foundational stepping stone for our pupils to allow them to work towards further study at iGCSE Geography and A level. Pupils will explore place knowledge, human and physical geography, geographical skills and enhance their locational knowledge. Their awareness of the global community and countries will be developed using maps and the links between places explored through investigating a variety of countries at differing scales. They will develop their skills in using Geographical Information Systems (GIS) to view, analyse and interpret places and data.

Key Stage 3

Year 7	Mapping Skills, China, Settlement, Tourism, Weather and climate, Geology
Year 8	Russia, Rivers, Tourism, Glaciers, Natural hazards: Volcanoes, Earthquakes and Tsunamis
Year 9	The Middle East, Global issues, Population, Energy, Development, Factfulness

Key Stage 4

Year 10	Coasts (fieldwork), Hazards, Urbanisation, Graphical skills in Geography
Year 11	Urbanisation, Fragile environments, Statistics in Geography, Study project

Key Stage 5

Year 12	Hydrology and fluvial geomorphology, Atmosphere and weather, Rocks and weathering, Population, Migration, Settlement dynamics
Year 13	Coastal environments, Hazardous environments, Environmental management, Global interdependence

Impact

Key Stage 4

Exam board	Pearson Edexcel	
Structure	Multiple-choice, short-answer, calculations, extended and open-response questions	
International GCSE Geography (4GE1)	<p>Paper 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 hour 10 minutes 40% of qualification <p>Paper 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 hour 45 minutes 60% of qualification 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Coastal environments Hazardous environments Fieldwork (from Unit 1 or 2) Economic activity and energy Urban environments Fieldwork (from Unit 4 or 5)

Key Stage 5

Exam board	Cambridge International	
Structure	Multiple-choice, short-answer, calculations, extended and open-response questions	
International A Level Geography (9696)	<p>Paper 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 hour 30 minutes 50% of AS 25% of A Level <p>Paper 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 hour 30 minutes 50% of AS 25% of A Level <p>Paper 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 hour 30 minutes 25% of A level <p>Paper 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 hour 30 minutes 35% of A level 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Core Physical Geography Core Human Geography Advanced Physical Geography Advanced Human Geography

Department

Teacher	Role
Gretchen Ivey	Co-Head of Humanities
Sam Palmer	Co-Head of Humanities, Teacher of KS3 Geography, KS4 Geography
Christine Williams	Teacher of KS3 Geography, KS4 Geography, KS5 Geography
Jane Lancaster-Jones	Teacher of KS3 Geography, KS4 Geography