**Curriculum Information for Geography**

Geography is taught within the Humanities department alongside History and Religious Education. Whilst these subjects hold their own distinct qualities, they are all intrinsically linked by people; how they have shaped the world, the environment and our identity. Our aim is to develop students’ understanding of these links and for them to gain an appreciation of the world in which they live. With teaching and learning at the core, we seek to develop inquisitive, interested and enthusiastic young people who have an ability to ask questions of the world around them.

At Key Stage 3 students study a mixture of human and physical geography. They explore the formation and use of landscapes and environments and use a range of skills to make connections and to draw contrasts. Students interpret a range of sources of geographical information such as maps and Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and look at key issues like sustainability and climate change. By looking at a variety of case studies, such as Kenya, Asia and Africa, students gain an awareness of increasingly complex geographical systems in the world.

At Key Stage 4 students study the OCR GCSE specification. In Year 10 they explore Global Hazards, Changing Climate, Distinctive Landscapes and Sustaining Ecosystems. They also complete physical and human geography fieldwork in the Forest of Dean and Chippenham. In Year 11 they look at Urban Futures, Dynamic Development, the United Kingdom in the Twentieth First Century and Resource Reliance).

At Key Stage 5 students also follow the OCR A-level specification. In Year 12 they study coastal landforms, changing spaces and making spaces. They also complete an individual Non-Exam Assessment (coursework) and look at climate change. In Year 13 students study tectonics, human rights, international trade and earth’s life support systems.

The Humanities department is committed to encouraging and maintaining a love of Geography and as a result we offer a range of enrichment opportunities which vary year on year. At KS3 we visit Lulworth Cove and at Key Stage 4 we complete field work in the Forest of Dean alongside local data collection in Chippenham. At Key Stage 5 we also visit Bristol and we run a whole school trip to Italy every few years.

**GCSE Geography specification:** OCR Code

**A Level Geography specification:** OCR CODE

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