



Geography

Is this course for me?

On this course you will have the opportunity to study aspects of both British and European History. You will explore historical themes and concepts and you will learn how to think and write from a historical perspective. This course will appeal to those students who:

- Are interested in history
- Who want to develop their analytical and research skills
- Who wish to pursue careers in areas such as education, law, journalism and banking.

What will I do?

Year 7 & Year 8

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Geography lessons will equip pupils with knowledge about diverse places, people, resources and natural and human environments, together with a deep understanding of the Earth's key physical and human processes. As pupils progress, their growing knowledge about the world should help them to deepen their understanding of the interaction between physical and human processes, and of the formation and use of landscapes and environments.

In year 7, students will attend 2 lessons per week, and will study the following topics:

- Topic 1: 'Navigating my Earth' - Map skills
- Topic 2: 'School Environment Enquiry'
- Topic 3: 'Violent Volcanoes'
- Topic 4: 'Earthquakes'
- Topic 5: 'Changing Landscapes - Glaciers and Rivers'

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In year 8, students will attend 2 lessons per week, and will study the following topics:

- Topic 1: 'South America' - The Amazon
- Topic 2: 'Central America - Migration issues in Mexico'
- Topic 3: 'North America' - Environmental issues (Oil and Xeriscaping)
- Topic 4: 'Africa' - Issues in the Horn of Africa including Drought and Piracy
- Topic 5: 'Asia' - Population explosion, the rise of Industry, Biodiversity
- Topic 6: 'Europe' - The growth of cities

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What will this course prepare me for?

GCSE Geography will appeal to those students who possess a curiosity and fascination about the world and its people, and who wish to continue to develop their abilities as young Geographers. Students will be expected to take an active role in lessons, engaging with the subject matter and offering their own opinions and analysis. Geography is a literary subject which involves evaluating and examining a wide variety of case studies and other relevant written material, so the course is best suited to individuals who enjoy reading and who are willing to take responsibility for their own research and revision. The course also requires a degree of mathematical ability, particularly the ability to analyse and present data and statistics. Geography is an 'EBacc' subject, and is therefore recognised as one of the subjects which best develops the skills and knowledge that all students will require in later life.