

GEOGRAPHY

Subject title	Year 8 Geography
Setting arrangements	Mixed ability tutor groups
Time allowance each fortnight	3 hours

Topics covered during the course

The topics in year 8 are designed to build on the skills and concepts taught in year 7 and engage students with all the concepts in the Key Stage 3 curriculum. There is a focus throughout the topics to deepen students understanding of the formation and use of landforms as well as continuing the theme of sustainability, the interaction between people and the environment and the concept of climate change.

Topic 1 – Mobile Earth (Studies the formation, opportunities and challenges of tectonic hazards)

Topic 2 – Go green (Addresses the issues around climate change and future environmental challenges)

Topic 3 – Rock on (Studies the formation, opportunities and challenges of the UK geology and soils)

Topic 4 – Discovering Antarctica (An in-depth place study of the continent)

Topic 5 – Going global (Introduces globalisation and explores how the world is interconnected)

Topic 6 – Out of Africa (An in-depth place study exploring the geographical themes across the continent)

Skills developed during the course

Map skills: Use of atlases and OS maps to identify symbols, contour lines, relief, physical features, Scale and Interpretation. Students will annotate and create their own maps.

Literacy: Descriptive and explanatory writing; increasing their geographical vocabulary using keywords and developing the use of comparative phrases. Debates are used to increase students persuasive writing skills.

Numeracy: Using figures to use/manipulation of data, creating a range of graphs to present information and research statistical facts to use within classwork.

Empathy; putting yourself in other people's shoes and considering other peoples' views.

Enquiry, teamwork and project management; to successfully plan and carry out an investigation or project.

Assessment

There are 3 assessments across year 8 in test style format. These are at the end of topics 2, 3 and 5.

Within all the topics students will carry out extended writing which will be used as formative assessment for learning and progress.

Home study

Students will be set two homework's per term. The format of the homework may vary through each topic, but one homework will aim to improve students literacy. On occasion there may be homework projects or research set over a longer period. Revision will be provided for students before assessments.

Additional support for the course

You may like to use the following sources to support your learning during the course:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zrw76sg>

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/>

<https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/mapzone/>

Additional information about the course

Students will need to always have pencils, pens and a ruler for geography lessons. They would also benefit from a green and purple pen, glue stick and scissors. Students will be given an exercise book in which to complete classwork, homework and assessments.