

Geography is taught by Mr Mundy, who is also Deputy Head of the Academic Learning Faculty, and Mr Thurston. Geography is exciting, topical and relevant. It is a fun and interesting subject which encourages students to be intrigued and to ask questions about the world around us. It provides students with a range of cross-curricular and valuable life skills.

At KS3 students study a variety of topics that help prepare students for the later GCSE. We build a sound understanding of geographical places, geographical processes that shape places and develop geographical skills that help make sense of the world.

We investigate places at a range of different scales from our local area to far away continents and oceans. We discuss complex issues and try to make connections and links. We seek to understand some of the biggest modern challenges that people face today such as climate change, poverty and sustainable living.

Topics studied include:

Year 7:

Skills, Extreme environments, Sustainable Living, China, Weather and Climate

Year 8:

Coasts, Globalisation, Natural Hazards, Tourism

Year 9:

Rivers, Population, India, Global Challenges, and Fieldwork.

At KS4 the Edexcel specification A syllabus is followed.

This involves 3 examinations covering the 3 main components and the following 8 topics

Unit 1 (Physical environment)37.5%

- Changing landscapes +Coasts and Rivers
- Weather and Climate Ecosystems

Unit 2 (Human environment)37.5%

- Changing cities
- Global development
- Resource Management + Energy

Unit 3 (Geographical Investigations) 25%

- Fieldwork Coasts/Fieldwork Urban
- UK Challenges

We also offer students several opportunities for out of school learning with trips at KS4 to areas that are local and further afield.

Geography is a modern, relevant, popular and successful subject.

For further information and support about Geography at the Open Academy please contact the Academic Faculty.