

Overview of Year 10 Geography Curriculum

Pupils will follow AQA GCSE Specification B

- Farming, food and the environment
- Electricity generation for the future
- Global warming: its causes and consequences
- River Basins and their management
- The changing location of manufacturing
- Tourism in the Lake District National Park

Summer Term-Coursework

All pupils will be required to complete course work. This represents 25% of the total marks available. Pupils will be taken to Maeshafn in North Wales where they will investigate changes in Maeshafn and the Surrounding Area.

Homework

Homework is set each week. The type of homework varies. In Year 10 homework can be learning the definitions of key terms, researching a topic, worksheets which build on class-work, completing examination questions and revising for assessments. The use of ICT and the Internet is encouraged in geography as a means of improving pupil's knowledge and skills. As Geographical topics are often in the news they may be asked to watch news broadcasts or documentaries and read newspapers. Once pupils have visited Maeshafn at least one homework each week will be dedicated to Coursework.

Assessments

Pupils are assessed continually in geography at the end of each unit of work with questions from past examination papers. All pupils will be given advance notice and time to prepare for the test. Each test is marked to a common mark scheme. These will be marked in detail to GCSE standard by the class teacher and these marks are converted to a percentage to allow for a comparison within and between classes, a comparable GCSE grade will also be given. Each pupil will be taught how to review and improve their own performance. Each class teacher will go through each assessment, highlighting common errors and use model answers to improve performance.

How Parents can help

- Please make sure your son revises all classwork at the end of every lesson and then on a weekly basis learns all work-reducing the overall burden when he has his assessment test
- Encourage your son to purchase a copy of the revision book
- Check that homework is recorded in your son's planner
- Check that this work is completed to the best of his ability
- Provide an atlas
- Provide a calculator, ruler, compass, protractor and coloured pencils to help him complete his coursework
- Check that your son has a pen, pencil and a ruler for lessons
- Please encourage your son to use the library and research work on the internet