

Overview of Year 11 Geography Curriculum

- Understanding the modern urban Environment

The European Union

- Rich and poor regions in the European Union
- Farming in Southern Italy
- Tourism in Mediterranean Spain
- Development of the European Urban Core Rotterdam/Europort
- Links across the English Channel

The Wider World and Global Issues

- Amazonia: development in the rainforest environment
- The Ganges Delta: dense population in a high risk environment
- Population growth and urbanisation
- Aid, investment and international development
- Japan: urbanisation and Industrialisation

Homework

Homework is set each week. The type of homework set varies. In Year 11 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. Until pupils have completed the Maeshafn Project in the Spring Term, at least one homework each week will be dedicated to coursework.

Examinations/Key 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. In Year 11 pupils will have a mock examination this provides a very good opportunity to see how your son will perform in the external examination. It is essential that your son prepares for this to the best of his ability.

How Parents can Help

- Please make sure your son revises all class work 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, available from his geography teacher
- 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