

Geography



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Overview

The Geography, Travel and Tourism Department at George Salter Academy encompasses a team of experienced teaching staff who deliver both Geography and Travel and Tourism. Geography offers students a fantastic range of learning opportunities both within and outside the classroom, with fieldtrips forming an important part of the subject ethos.

Study Support

The department offers a wide range of opportunities in order for all students to engage actively, to have exciting experiences and fulfil their potential within the subject at all key stages. There are after school homework clubs, Saturday booster sessions as well as extra lessons during school holidays.

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Key Stage 3 (Years 7 and 8)

Geography is compulsory for all students at Key Stage 3. KS3 students have 2 lessons of Geography a week, which shows its importance in a curriculum in which 17% of lessons are dedicated to Humanities subjects. During Key Stage 3 students develop a range of Geographical skills, as well as studying human and physical geography topics, and the interactions between them. Some students will also have the opportunity to undertake a geographical skills residential.

Year 7

During Year 7, students have the opportunity to develop a range of skills through a varied programme of study, including The British Isles, Population, Coasts, The Role of Stones and Ecosystems and India.

Trips

- Local Area Study

Year 8

Students in Year 8 will be able to develop their skills further through the study of topics including Weather and Climate, Climate Change, Risky World, Impossible Challenges, Flooding, and further offsite fieldwork opportunities. This will form a strong foundation for those who wish to continue the subject into Key Stage Four.

Trips

- Botanical Gardens

Key Stage 4 (Years 9, 10 and 11)

GCSE Geography students currently follow the AQA specification. We believe the course provides an excellent study experience of the subject and creates a strong foundation for progression to A Level AQA Geography at Key Stage 5. Topics of study include The Challenge of Natural Hazards, Urban Issues and Challenges, Physical Landscapes in the UK and The Changing Economic World. Students will also undertake a fieldwork study as part of the course which will be assessed through Geographical Applications accounting for 30% of the final GCSE grade.

Year 9

In their Year 9 studies, students will focus on the following topics: Challenge of Natural Hazards which will include tectonic hazards such as volcanoes and earthquakes, as well as extreme weather hazards; and Physical Landscapes in the UK which will focus on the study of Coasts and Rivers.

Trips

- Carding Mill Valley

Year 10

In Year 10 students will study the following topics: The Living World, which will focus largely on ecosystems including Tropical Rainforest and Hot Desert; Urban Issues and Challenges and Changing Economic World.

Trips

- Rural Economies

Year 11

In Year 11 students will study the final unit of work: Challenge of Resource Management, and will also prepare for the Pre Released Case Study assessed in a skills paper.

Trips

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Exams

Exam results	2015	2016	2017
GCSE Geography	A*-A: 18% A*-C: 75%	A*-A: 43% A*-C: 82%	A*-A: 14% A*-C: 63%

Table of GCSE Geography exam results 2015 – 2017

Post 16

At KS5, the Geography Department offers several courses. Click on the links below for further information:

- **Geography - A Level**
- **Travel & Tourism - BTEC National Extended Certificate**