

Geography

Our Geography curriculum is designed to produce students who are knowledgeable of current world, national, regional and local challenges, including the way in which society and nature interact. Current world issues are investigated including the climate crisis, development inequalities and environmental damage and management. UK challenges also investigate human and physical issues such as weather hazards, urban change and regional inequalities. In terms of regional and local issues students investigate regeneration, how physical landscapes have formed/changed and economic development. By the end of Key Stage 4 students have studied each of the world's continents.

To be successful geographers and global citizens we want our students to be empathetic and respectful of differing culture and development levels within the UK and wider world. In addition to the content of the curriculum the department works with Durham Global Schools to arrange for Durham University students to run workshops about their home country.

We aspire for our students to be confident in using geographical skills including data collection, presentation, analysis and evaluation. Crucial in achieving this is fieldwork, which takes place at KS3 and KS4

Year 7: School microclimate study
 Year 8: School sustainability school
 Year 10: Urban regeneration, The Ouseburn (Newcastle)
 Year 11: Coastal management, Seaham Hall Beach

Year	Assessment Cycle 1	Assessment Cycle 2
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Africa • UK coastlines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Africa • UK coastlines • Hazards
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • China • UK rivers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • China • UK rivers • Russia • Climate change and energy
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living world 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living world • Hazards
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hazards • Living world • Physical landscapes (coasts and rivers) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hazards • Living world • Physical landscapes (coasts and rivers) • Urban issues and challenges • Challenge of resource management
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hazards • Living world • Physical landscapes (coasts and rivers) • Urban issues and challenges • Challenge of resource management • Fieldwork 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hazards • Living world • Physical landscapes (coasts and rivers) • Urban issues and challenges • Challenge of resource management • Changing economic world • Fieldwork