

Geography

Head of Humanities / Teacher in charge of Geography - Mr A Ebbrell

Topics of Study This Year:

Theme — Global Geography

Term 1

Development & Globalisation

- Uneven development
- Social Indicators
- Employment Structures
- Multinational Companies
- Aid
- Role of Globalisation

Term 2

Earth Studies

- Weathering and erosion
- Rock types
- Structure of the Earth
- Earthquakes
- Volcanoes
- Hazard Management

Term 3

HIC—JAPAN

- Japan's characteristics
- Physical features
- Human features
- Tokyo capital city
- Level of Development

Assessments:

Assessment will take place towards the end of each term when subject knowledge and understanding will be reviewed. Pupils will also be encouraged to self and peer assess their work throughout the year.

Key Dates:

Enrichment visits will take place during the year when pupils will have the opportunity to further extend their understanding of the subject.

Homework:

Year 8 homework is set every week using the Homework Booklet or Take away homework sheets. Booklets will be given out via subject teachers and pupils will have the whole of the following week to complete the work.

Other useful information:

www.bbc.co.uk/education/geography
www.juicygeography.co.uk
www.geographyatthemovies.co.uk

History

Head of Humanities - Mr A Ebbrell

Teacher in charge of History - Mr A Hastewell

Topics of Study This Year:

Britain 1900-1918: A unit study on the different lifestyles and class structure in 1900 and the women's fight for the vote, culminating in a key study on WWI: causes, methods, experiences and outcome.

WWII: This unit investigates the causes and key events of WWII, with a key unit on Hitler's rise to power and the Holocaust.

The Cold War: This unit looks into the causes of the Cold War and its key events, ending with a unit on the Vietnam War.

Term 1

Britain: 1900-1918

- Social Class
- The Suffragettes
- WWI

Term 2

WWII

- Rise of Hitler
- Third Reich
- Causes of WW2
- Holocaust
- End of WW2
- Atomic bomb

Term 3

The Cold War

- Cuban Missile Crisis
- JFK assassination
- Vietnam
- Civil rights movement

Assessments:

Term 1 – Knowledge based multiple choice test

Term 2 – Source Analysis: Interpretations of the Holocaust

Term 3 – Knowledge based multiple choice test

Pupils will also be encouraged to self and peer assess their work throughout the year.

Key Dates:

Enrichment activities will take place throughout the year including visits to Belgium and the Somme, and other visits to museums and places of historical interest.

Homework:

Year 8 homework is set every term using 1) Homework Booklet, 2) Takeaway Task Page, 3) Revision Booklets. All booklets and Takeaway task sheets will be given out via subject teachers and pupils will have the whole of the following week to complete the work.

Other Useful Information:

The following websites are recommended to extend learning.

www.schoolhistory.co.uk

www.bbc.co.uk/history/forkids

www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk