

Geography

Head of Humanities - Mr A Ebbrell

Topics of Study This Year:

Geography in Year 7 develops key skills such as Ordnance Survey map skills, reading aerial photographs and the use of Geographical Information Systems. Local Geography is embedded within the study of My Manchester, incorporating enquiry work on local transport systems. The final section of work looks at emerging powers such as China and India to give an international dimension to the Year 7 programmes of study.

Term 1

Map Skills

Symbols and Scale
Four Figure and Six Figure
Grid References
Countries and Continents
G.I.S enquiry work

Term 2

Settlement - My Manchester

Site, Situation and Function
Shopping Hierarchy
Changes of Land use
Case Study: How does the
Metro affect Sale and
Manchester?

Term 3

Emerging Powers

To understand the physical
location of China and India.
Population structures of China
and India.
Superpowers of Asia
Comparing and contrasting -
Levels of development

Assessments:

Term 1: Map Skills OS assessment
Term 2: Settlement - My Manchester assessment
Term 3: Whole year linear assessment

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 7 homework is set every week using homework booklets. Booklets will be given out via form teachers and pupils will have the whole of the following week to complete the work.

History

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Head of History - Mr A Hastewell

Topics of Study

What is History? This introductory theme provides pupils with the basic historical skills required to be a good historian such as chronology, the use of evidence, source work and key terms.

Ruling: This theme looks in depth at the problems of the succession in 1066 and the legacy of Norman rule.

Power: This theme looks at the main events of this period and the struggle for power between the

Monarch, the Church and England's people.

Tudor and Stuarts: A look at the main themes surrounding the key people and events of the time.

Term 1

What is History?

Introduction to History – skills
Chronology
Sources
Bias
Key terms

Ruling

The 3 contenders to the throne
The Battle of Hastings
Why Harold lost the Battle of Hastings
Norman Conquest: The feudal system,
castles and control

Term 2

Power

Henry II & Thomas Becket
Edward I – Wales and
Scotland
King John & The Magna
Carta
The Crusades
The Black Death
The Peasants Revolt
The War of the Roses

Term 3

The Tudors

Catholic v Protestant
Henry VIII & 6 wives
The Church & the
Reformation
Elizabeth I
Mary Queen of Scots

The Stuarts

James I
The Gunpowder Plot
Charles I
The Civil War
Oliver Cromwell
Witchcraft

Homework:

Year 7 homework is set every week in a work booklet. Pupils will have the whole of the following week to complete and submit the work. In the Summer term a 3D model making homework is set.

Assessments:

Term 1 – Battle of Hastings assessment
Term 2 – James I source assessment
Term 3 – Whole year linear assessment.

Other Useful Information:

The following websites are recommended to extend learning.
www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk
www.schoolhistory.co.uk