

Geography

Curriculum Manager:

Mr Ebbrell

Teaching Staff:

Mr Kavanagh, Mr Worsfold and Mrs Parkinson

Curriculum Overview:

Geography in Year 11 we continue to follow the Geography Edexcel Specification A syllabus, with pupils completing the remaining parts of the GCSE exam course to prepare them for the summer examinations in Yr11. There are three external examinations within this GCSE specification that will be all taken in Year 11. The course is content rich with a broad and interesting focus on topical and relevant Geography.

Topic Studied- Term 1

Paper 3 – Fieldwork

Formulating enquiry questions
Methods of data collection and Presentation
Differences between primary and secondary
Conclusion and limitation analysis

Topic Studied – Term 2

Changing Cities Paper 2

Urbanisation is a global process -
Emerging and developing countries

Urbanisation in the UK - Case study 'Manchester' or 'Birmingham'

Sustainability and changes to the urban areas

Emerging country example - Either Mexico City or any other suitable example

Topic studied – Term 3

Global Development Paper 2

Solving city problems across the world

Ways of defining development
Human development index and GNP

Uneven development globally and UK

International strategies

Case study: India emerging country

Assessments:

- Term 1: Half Term assessment on Fieldwork techniques and Yr11 Mock exam at Christmas
- Term 2: Changing Cities and Global Development assessment at Easter
- Term 3: Revision and preparation for the 3 external examinations.

Homework:

Year 10 homework will be given out weekly and in most cases be available from 'Google Classroom', with a variety of tasks from self-assessing tests, exam styled questions, to knowledge organisers and research tasks.

Other Useful Information:

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/geography-a-2016.html> (Edexcel website)

www.bbc.co.uk/education/geography

www.juicygeography.co.uk

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize (General revision of key geographical themes)

www.s_cool.co.uk (General revision and practise assessment styled questions)

History

Curriculum Manager:

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Teaching Staff:

Mr Hastewell, Miss Ellis, Miss Lalley, Mr Loftus.

Curriculum Overview:

The USA, 1954-1975: Conflict at home and abroad

Topic Studied- Term 1

The development of the civil rights movement, 1954–60

The position of black Americans in the early 1950s, progress in education, the Montgomery Bus Boycott, 55–60 & opposition to the civil rights movement.

Protest, progress and radicalism, 1960–75

Progress, 60–62, peaceful protests and their impact, 63–65, Malcolm X and Black Power, 63–70 and the civil rights movement, 65–75.

Topic Studied – Term 2

US involvement in the Vietnam War, 1954–75

Reasons for US involvement in Vietnam 54–63, escalation of conflict under Johnson, nature of the conflict 64–68 & changes under Nixon 69-73.

Reactions and end of US involvement in Vietnam 1964–75

Opposition to the war, support for the war, the peace process and end of the war and reasons for the failure of the USA in Vietnam.

Topic studied – Term 3

Recap, revision and preparation for examinations

Assessments:

Assessments will be completed throughout the year and will include self, peer and teacher marked pieces of work. Half termly assessments will be based on GCSE examination questions and all GCSE examination questions from Paper 1 will be completed over the course of an academic year.

Homework:

Homework will be set once a week and may take the form of a literacy based task, research, examination question, revision or any other task that consolidates and extends learning.

Other Useful Information:

To consolidate learning in the classroom students are encouraged to develop their historical knowledge and understanding by completing independent study. This could be completed on various platforms including traditional historical books and novels, websites such as BBC Bitesize, documentaries such as BBC Teach and feature films.