

Curriculum

In KS3 learners get an introduction to Physical (Yr7) & Human (yr8) aspects of Geography. The intention is to give a broad base of understanding based in the locality of S.E. Kent.

In KS4 learners continue their journey either via OCR Geography syllabus A, or via OCR entry level certificate.

Geography at PHS

SEN/Interventions

- Our Core offer in each lesson
- Learning Mats
 - Used through KS3 and KS4 to support learning
 - Bespoke - Holistic
 - Sentence starters + writing frames
- Chunking-Scaffolding
 - I do - we do - you do
- Knowledge organisers
- Key vocabulary
 - For each topic
- Support - TA
- Gap analysis and responding to feedback
 - KS3 - pro connect quizzes
 - KS4 - exam question feedback
- Small group interventions:
 - Adaptive teaching
 - TA support small groups
- Individual interventions
 - Teacher/TA support 1:1

Literacy and Numeracy

Each new topic has a specific keyword sheet of new vocabulary.

Literacy is supported with regular long writes.

Numeracy is a core skill in geography and supports our ability to investigate, analyse and make sense of the world around us.

Assessment

KS3

Baseline test for yr 7 students + students who enter the school after Sept. Terms 2,4 and 6 see simplified GCSE exam style questions to give grades. KS3 is about knowledge and confidence building.

KS4

Monitoring is termly using pro connect quizzes to check for knowledge and understanding.

Termly past paper questions assess in relation to grade boundaries

Grading points in term 2 4 and 6

Teacher review of work completed in lessons

Review of AfOrL and BforL each lesson

Student to respond to and build on feedback

Moderation

Internal moderation of entry level certificate students personal projects and fieldwork

Links with KSENT humanities moderation group - hosted by KR Jan 26th 20223

KR is registered as assessor for OCR Geography A

Rationale

The Geography curriculum aims to give students a practical experience of their place in the world. To connect them to their place in East Kent, to appreciate where they have come from and where they are going. To give them the skills, knowledge and understanding to be effective citizens.

The year 7 curriculum aims to ground students in the physical landscape of East Kent as well as knowing how the Earth's natural systems work. The aim is to get students out of the class and hands on.

In year 8 this grounding expands out. Students learn how human systems impact on the natural environment and the importance of being an informed, active citizen.

KS4 follow a GCSE curriculum OCR A, Geographical themes. Some students follow the OCR entry level certificate. The aim of this is to push students to develop effective study skills while deepening their K&U of the world they live in.

Staffing

KR teaches every lesson across both KS3 and KS4 with the support of TA especially in KS4 (Yr 10 Entry level)

Yr 7 Dour, White Cliffs Walk, Weather walk

Yr 8 Dover, South Foreland, Docks, Mining in Kent

Yr 9 Thanet Coastal Path, River Stour, London, Dungeness, Ramsgate Wind farm, Farm visit, Thanet earth

Yr 10 Kew Gardens (other greenhouse), Nausicaa, London,

Yr 11 Canterbury, Thanet coast path, River Stour