



Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to Geography at Hazelwick School!

As your child starts their Geography career in Year 7, we thought it would be a perfect time to introduce you to our team of Geography teachers.

From left: Mrs. Kirkham; Mr. Salmon (Head of Year 10); Mr. Suckling; Ms. Frampton (Head of Department and Eco-School co-ordinator); Mrs. Millard (Head of House for Duleep Singh); Miss Schoonraad (Key Stage 3 Geography co-ordinator).



What will students learn about in Geography?

We have designed our Key Stage 3 curriculum to cover a variety of both Human and Physical Geography topics, with the aim of inspiring curiosity and fascination in students with the world around them. Some topics focus on specific places, such as the United Kingdom, the Middle East and Africa, while other topics focus on key Geographical concepts, such as Climate Change and Globalisation. In all topics, we aim to teach students about the interconnection between the human and natural world.

Students will also have the opportunity to acquire new geographical skills. They will learn how to interpret a variety of geographical information, such as maps, graphs, diagrams, aerial photographs and geographical Information Systems (GIS). They will also have the opportunity to get outside of the classroom to use all the skills they have learnt both in lessons and fieldtrips offered in the Summer term.

How will students be assessed?

Students will complete an assessment at the end of each topic, which range from group presentations to information leaflets and tests. Students will also complete a spelling test set on Satchel One at the end of each topic based on a list of WOW words they learn about each lesson. These will be shared on Satchel One to give students the opportunity to revise them before completing the test.

What will Year 7 students be learning about in the Autumn Term?

World Traveller: This topic covers key Geographical skills and knowledge. Students will learn about countries and continents, compass directions, co-ordinates, grid references, map symbols, relief, scale and contour lines. The assessment for this topic will be a class test.

Seven Worlds, One Planet: This topic is based on the David Attenborough series 'Seven Worlds One Planet'. Students will learn about the continents of Antarctica, Asia and North America. The assessment for this topic is a group research project and presentation on one of the seven continents.

Map Symbol Competition: The Geography Department will be running competitions throughout the year for students to get involved in. This term there will be a Map Symbol model making competition. Details will be posted on Satchel One for students closer to the time.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Schoonraad