

Whitworth Community High School

Geography

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Year 8 Learning Overview

Organisation of the classes: Geography is taught in the same teaching groups as other humanities subjects. Teaching group sizes vary. The pupils have one lesson per week.

Key Concepts

Developing skills from Year 7 a greater variety of more complex issues are presented to the pupils in Year 8. Pupils increasingly focus on the 'bigger picture', identifying connections and relationships at a variety of scales. Pupils undertake an independent research task comparing countries at different levels of economic development.

What skills do I use in this subject?

Learning of place
 Cartography skills
 Connections between local, national and international events
 Literacy and numeracy
 Speaking and listening

What will you be learning?

1. Cold Deserts
2. Global Warming
3. Rich Country / Poor Country
4. Tropical Rainforest Deforestation
5. Rocks and Geology
6. Settlements in India

How will you be learning?

Through whole class and small group and paired discussion
 Independent research
 Presenting information in report form
 Expressing ideas in writing and through presentations.
 Problem solving
 Developing links with wider society.

How will your learning be assessed?

You will complete 6 assessments one each half term.
 You will also complete two exams

Home Learning

Home Learning is given on a regular basis in line with the Home Learning Booklet timetable.
 Occasionally additional home learning may be set

Equipment needed?

Normal equipment for school, coloured pencils can also be useful

How can your parents support your learning?

Discussions at home about the topics you are covering will extend your thinking and give you different perspectives. You will also benefit from listening to the news regularly and reading books or watching films about human, environmental and physical topics related to Geography

SMSC Links – Focus on Aspirations

Types of jobs available with a geography background
 Ideas and development of GCSE topics
 difference between developed and developing countries and the how development can be supported
 impacts that society has on the natural environment

What extra-curricular activities or enrichment opportunities are available?

fieldwork based around rocks and geology