

Netherwood's Geography Curriculum

Why is the subject important?	Geography is the study of Earth's landscapes, people, places and environments. It is about the world in which we live, how and why the world is changing, globally and locally but also, how human actions can affect this. Geography encourages students to think about the physical and human connections that exist within our world on both spatial and temporal scales, and about the pressures that the world's natural environments face. Geography allows students to study a wide range of topics from across the globe and enables them to develop a wide range of skills. At Netherwood students will explore Physical, Human and Environmental Geography in order to gain an understanding of why countries are at different levels of development and the impact that this has on the populations and environments of those countries.
YEAR 7	
What will I be studying?	In Year 7 you will start by learning the different Geographical skills such as sketching, mapping, direction, distance, grid references, contours, longitude and latitude. You will then use these skills throughout the topics of settlement, weather & climate and rivers. In addition to this you will study a spotlight on the UK and India.
Career Links	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning/town planning International charities Retail International relations Management Transport Environmental Adviser GIS Technician/Analyst Meteorological services
How will I be assessed?	<p>All students will complete the below in Year 7:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseline assessment to test skills and knowledge from KS2. • Weekly recall questions and quizzes –Knowledge Organisers can be used to prepare for these. • Extended written work – there will be one of every half term which will assess your geographical skills and your knowledge and understanding of the topic you have just completed. • Formal assessment – you will receive two of these a year. They will be cumulative and test you on skills and knowledge covered in lessons.
Which websites should I use to support my learning?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BBC Bitesize Seneca Teams
YEAR 8	

What will I be studying?	In Year 8 you will build on knowledge covered in Y7. You will study environmental issues, natural environments, tourism and coasts. In addition to this you will study a spotlight on Africa and Russia.
Career Links	Travel and tourism International charities Management Environmental Health Transport Environmental Adviser GIS Technician/Analyst Teaching
How will I be assessed?	<p>All students will complete the below in Year 8:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly recall questions and quizzes –Knowledge Organisers can be used to prepare for these. • Extended written work – there will be one of every half term which will assess your geographical skills and your knowledge and understanding of the topic you have just completed. • Formal assessment – you will receive two of these a year. They will be cumulative and test you on skills and knowledge covered in lessons.
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YEAR 9	
What will I be studying?	In Year 9 you build on Y7 and 8 knowledge. You will study population, earthquakes, volcanoes, extreme weather and climate change. In addition to this you will study a spotlight on China and the Middle East.
Career Links	Planning/town planning Engineering International charities Management Transport GIS Technician/Analyst Teaching
How will I be assessed?	<p>All students will complete the below in Year 9:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly recall questions and quizzes –Knowledge Organisers can be used to prepare for these. • Extended written work – there will be one of every half term which will assess your geographical skills and your knowledge and understanding of the topic you have just completed. • Formal assessment – you will receive two of these a year. They will be cumulative and test you on skills and knowledge covered in lessons.

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YEAR 10 & 11	
What will I be studying?	<p>Student at GCSE follow the AQA Geography Specification. This includes the units below:</p> <p>Paper 1 Section A: Hazards Section B: Ecosystems Section C: UK Landscapes</p> <p>Paper 2 Section A: Urbanisation Section B: Development Section C: Resource Management</p> <p>Paper 3: Section A: Pre-release Section B: Fieldwork</p>
Career Links	<p>Planning/town planning Working in the environment, environmental law, environmental Engineering Travel and tourism International charities Retail Management Environmental Health Transport Environmental Adviser GIS Technician/Analyst Teaching</p>
How will I be assessed?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are assessed with mock exams. A July Paper 1 mock in Y10, November Paper 1 in mock November Y11 and February Paper 2 mock in Y11. A paper 3 exam will be carried out in class in April Y11. • These assessments will inform students' current and predicted grades, which are updated every other term. • Students will also be assessed within the classroom, using sections of papers or specific exam-style questions. These will also be used to inform students' current and predicted grades. • Independent practice of exam-style questions is commonplace within GCSE classrooms, to build students' resilience and independence ready for public examinations.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Geography GCSE is finally assessed through three exam papers in May and June of Year 11 as outlined below: • Paper 1 – Living with the physical environment - This paper assesses all the physical topics outlined above. It lasts 1 hour 30 minutes and is worth 35% of the overall GCSE grade. • Paper 2 – Challenges in the human environment - This paper assesses all the human topics outlined above. It lasts 1 hour 30 minutes and is worth 35% of the overall GCSE grade. • Paper 3 – Geographical applications - This paper assesses fieldwork, issue evaluation and geographical skills. A pre-release booklet is released in March, which makes up the issue evaluation section of the paper. It lasts 1 hour 15 minutes and is worth 30% of the overall GCSE grade.
<p>Which websites should I use to support my learning?</p>	<p>BBC Bitesize Seneca Quizlet Teams</p>