



Geography



COURSE CONTENT –What will I learn?

Elective Geography is **open to all students**. The Elective course will focus on a local and global variety of human and physical aspects that make up our diverse planet. You will develop the knowledge and skills that you learned in S1.

In S2 you will study:

1. We are the World
2. Development Dilemmas
3. Mapping Skills
4. Battle for the Biosphere



In S3 you will study:

1. My Footprint on the World
2. Weather
3. South American Survival
4. Food and Farming around the World



We believe that the events and themes covered in the study of these topics are fundamental to understanding the world we live in today. The course will provide you with the answers to these questions and more:

- What is the human price for my clothes?
- Why aren't all countries equal?
- What is threatening our rainforests, deserts, polar regions and more?
- How will we power our countries in the future?
- How do people survive in favelas in South America?
- What is threatening our food supply?

There will also be an opportunity for students to participate in **fieldtrips** in S2 and S3, which will be confirmed at the beginning of the year.

TEACHING METHODS – What will I do?

In the Geography department we use a variety of teaching methods. You will be working as an **individual**, but often in **pairs, groups** or as a **whole class**. You will certainly be doing a lot of **reading, writing and drawing diagrams!** You will also do **presentations, posters, debates and investigations**. Your teachers will make your learning as **active and fun** as possible. Geography helps you to understand the world in which we all live. It brings our environment as well as foreign lands alive and will give you a thirst to go out and explore! Geography also teaches you many **skills** that you will use at university and in later life, such as **critical thinking, evaluating, debating and arguing**.



ASSESSMENT AND HOMEWORK

ASSESSMENT

Assessment in Geography will focus on your knowledge and understanding, thinking skills and research, evaluation and presentation skills. There will be opportunities to show what you have learned in a variety of ways including reports, newspaper articles, ICT work and at times end of topic tests.

HOMEWORK



Regular homework will be set, increasing as the course progresses. You can use the resources on 'Show my Homework', which you can easily access from home.

COSTS

There are no costs for Geography, excluding the cost of the fieldtrips which will be kept to a minimum.