



Highsted Grammar School

The Geography curriculum

The Geography curriculum seeks to enable all students to become global citizens, and to be aware of the key geographical processes pertaining to physical, social, economic, political and environmental aspects of the world around them.

Students are encouraged to find their voice in the subject and, through informed opinions, to actively call out injustice in our world today.

Geography focuses on 'big picture thinking' and enables students to see how their learning applies to the real world and their current and future place in that world.

Content

Years 7-9

KS3 content is varied and challenging and always makes time for 'Geography in the News' to allow students see the relevance of current affairs to their curriculum studies. Topics studied included map skills, settlement, rivers, industrial growth and decline, global warming and climate change, Africa, population, hazards and tectonics.

Years 10 & 11

The KS4 curriculum covers UK and global geographical issues, people and environment issues – making geographical decisions, and fieldwork.

Sixth Form

The sixth form curriculum covers dynamic landscapes and places, physical systems and sustainability, human systems and geopolitics, and fieldwork.

Examples of cross-curricular links

With Science, e.g. an ecosystem with as an environment in which flora and fauna live and interact with that environment.

With D&T, e.g. the 6Rs of sustainability.

With Sociology, e.g. 'green crime' and the emergence of green criminology.

Extra-curricular opportunities

Geography field trips, Geography in the News, sixth form immersion talks