

Geography @ Key Stage 3

‘Geography enables us to understand change, conflict and the key issues which impact on our lives today and will affect our futures tomorrow.’

(Chief Inspector David Bell)

KS3 Geography

	Autumn		Spring		Summer	
Year 7	Marvellous Maps	People Everywhere	Cracking Continents	Endangered Earth	Raging Rivers	Geographical Investigations
Year 8	Extreme Environments	Dangerous Disasters	Dynamic Development	Planet Earth	Cracking Coasts	Wild Weather

Field work and Speakers

Practical fieldwork is vital to the department. They develop enquiry and investigations central to the subject, as well as providing pupils with active, stimulating and enjoyable learning.

Trips to Twycross Zoo, The Natural History Museum, Cadbury World, The Sea Life Centre, Carding Mill Valley and Blackpool are offered throughout Key Stage 3 and 4.

Geography @ Key Stage 4

‘Geography is the subject which holds the key to our future’

Michael Palin

Geography is taught throughout Key Stage 3 and then as an option at GCSE.

Over the years Geography has grown in popularity at Aston Manor School mainly due to the relevant issues covered, teaching and learning activities and the transferable skills which GCSE Geography covers.

The subject helps develop literacy, numeracy, communication skills, ICT and problem solving. These are all seen assets in the world of employment today. Geography looks at the past (i.e. history) to predict the future (i.e. science) and encourages flexible thinking, as well as providing a firm basis for lifelong learning.

Exam Board: AQA Geography GCSE Specification A

The GCSE is split into 2 units:

Unit 1 which consists of 3 topics:

- Water on the land
- The Coastal Zone
- Restless Earth (Tectonics)

Unit 2 which consists of 3 topics:

- The Development Gap
- Population Change
- Tourism

Unit 3 Controlled assessment:

This is carried out in year 10-11 and is based on a piece of field work. The controlled assessment represents 25% of the final Geography GCSE.

Assessment

1 hour and 30minutes exam on Unit 1.

1 hour and 30minutes exam on Unit 2.

Each exam represents 37.5% of the final Geography GCSE and will be sat in year 11.

Long Term GCSE Overview

	Autumn		Spring		Summer	
Year 9	Geographical Skills	Raging Rivers	Tourism	Tourism	Population Change	Population Change
Year 10	Tectonic	Tectonics	Development	Development	Controlled Assessment	Controlled Assessment
Year 11	Coastal Zone	Coastal Zone	Revision	Revision	Exams Unit 1 Unit 2	