

Geography at The Hurlingham Academy 2016-17

The aim of the geography curriculum at The Hurlingham Academy is to help pupils make sense of the world around them. Geography learning is hands on, it is relevant and it is engaging. Our GCSE course uses Edexcel B 2009 and 2016 which is a good mix of topics such as urban issues, world development, extreme environments, rivers and hazards to name but a few. The course gives our Y10 and Y11 students the chance to get to grips with some of the big questions which affect our societies and understand the social, economic and physical forces and processes which shape and change our world.

Below is an overview of the curriculum in each year group:

Year 7

- What is a geographer? Students build geographical skills in using coordinates, grid references, scale, height and in carrying out field work.
- Paradise Lost: Students learn about the impact of tourism.
- Africa – A continent of contrasts: Students learn about development and current geographical issues in across Africa.
- Rivers and Flooding: Students learn about the water cycle, the processes and landforms connected to rivers and the causes and effects of flooding.
- The Working World: Students learn about employment structure and how employment changes as a country develops.

Year 8

- Living on the Edge: 1: Students learn about coasts, the processes that operate to create coastal landforms, how humans impact coastlines and different management strategies.
- The Middle East: Students learn about migration, conflict and population within the context of the Middle East.
- Tectonic Events: Students learn about earthquakes and volcanoes and the impacts these have.
- The Geography of Conflict: Students look at the causes and impacts of conflict around the world using topical examples.
- Glacial Environments: Students learn about the processes that have shaped our landscape.

Year 9

- The Asian Tigers: Students learn about how countries become emerging economies and the social and environmental impacts of development.
- Weather and Climate: Student learn about heatwaves, hurricanes, global warming and how to read the weather.
- Consuming Resources: Students learn about the world's energy needs and what
- Sustainable Urban Living: Students look at how cities around the world are attempting to lessen their eco-footprint.
- Students begin the GCSE course in Term 3 of Year 9.

Year 10: Edexcel B 2016

Year 11: Edexcel B 2009

The Edexcel B geography course is a topical issues based course which has a physical and human unit as well as a focus on field work. Students will participate in two days of field work during the course.