

# Curriculum Guide – Geography



## Key Stage 3/4 Geography



Course Description	Course Content	Assessment
<p>Geography at SWB is a well-resourced department that encourages you to work independently and to gain the skills necessary to further your knowledge and understanding and perform well in a variety of scenarios.</p> <p>We believe that you should take Geography because it helps you to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Understand the environment at local and global scales</b></li> <li>• <b>Know your world through fieldwork</b></li> <li>• <b>Make decisions that balance environmental and developmental concerns</b></li> <li>• <b>Develop a wide range of skills such as presenting arguments or map skills</b></li> <li>• <b>Use computers and other technology</b></li> <li>• <b>Understand other cultures in the UK and throughout the world!</b></li> </ul> <p>Geography will help you to be more aware of everyday situations and issues faced by the people who live around you and across the world.</p>	<p>At Key Stage 3 students undertake a variety of Geographical courses across the themes of both physical and human geography. Courses include (but are not limited to);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Map skills &amp; the UK</b></li> <li>• <b>Fragile World</b></li> <li>• <b>Limited World</b></li> <li>• <b>Unequal World</b></li> <li>• <b>Urban Issues</b></li> <li>• <b>Hostile World</b></li> </ul> <p>At Key Stage 4 (GCSE), students study;</p> <p>The Physical Environment</p> <p><b>Changing landscapes of the UK; rivers &amp; coasts</b></p> <p><b>Weather hazards and climate change</b></p> <p><b>Ecosystems, biodiversity and management</b></p> <p>The Human Environment</p> <p><b>Changing cities</b></p> <p><b>Global development</b></p> <p><b>Resource management</b></p> <p>Geographical Investigations</p> <p><b>Two fieldwork studies drawing knowledge and understanding from The Physical Environment and The Human Environment</b></p>	<p><b>At Key Stage 3 (Yr7-8) Geography covers a broad range of both local and global issues. Students are assessment every 3 weeks on a range of proficiencies; knowledge and understanding, application, communication and inquiry. The application of geographical skills is required throughout each unit of work.</b></p> <p><b>At GCSE Level (Yr9-11) we follow the Edexcel A syllabus for Geography. There are 3 components to this course, each is examined separately. There is no coursework for this course. The exam structure is as follows;</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Physical Environment – 37.5% - 1 Exam</b></li> <li>• <b>The Human Environment – 37.5% - 1 Exam</b></li> <li>• <b>Geographical Investigations: Fieldwork &amp; UK Challenges – 25% - 1 Exam</b></li> </ul>
Extra-Curricular Opportunities	Important Information	Use Websites
<p>Trips; Iceland 2016 (voluntary), local urban study (GCSE compulsory), local fluvial study (GCSE compulsory), intervention club</p>		<p><a href="http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/geography-a-2016.html">http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/geography-a-2016.html</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/geography/">http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/geography/</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.s-cool.co.uk/gcse/geography">http://www.s-cool.co.uk/gcse/geography</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.coolgeography.co.uk/GCSE/AQA%20GCSE.htm">http://www.coolgeography.co.uk/GCSE/AQA%20GCSE.htm</a></p>