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# Welcome to the Geography Department



## Staff:

- Miss Jackson-Smith, Geography Subject Leader
- Miss Brown, Assistant Headteacher
- Mr Heath, Geography teacher
- Mrs Mohammed, Geography teacher



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# Our Year 7 Curriculum

In Year 7 Vyners students will study.....

- Geography and you
- UK Context
- Weather and Climate
- Population and Urbanisation
- Rivers
- Africa



*“I really enjoyed our work on Africa. It was interesting to learn about cultures which are so different to ours.”*  
Year 8 Student



## Our Key Stage 4 Curriculum

# OCR



RECOGNISING ACHIEVEMENT

*“I never knew how many topics would come under the subject of Geography. It is a very diverse subject.”*  
Year 11 Student

At GCSE students are entered for GCSE qualifications with OCR B. Students will study both human and physical geography, as well as be examined on their geographical and fieldwork skills.

*Human topics:* UK 21st Century, Urban Futures, Resource Reliance, Dynamic Development.

*Physical topics:* Global Hazards, Changing Climate, Distinctive Landscapes, Sustaining Ecosystems.

*Fieldwork:* Two days in the field. One day studying urban regeneration in Stratford, and the second studying river processes in Epping Forest.



## Our Key Stage 5 Curriculum



*“Geography has given me a new perspective of the world. It has inspired me to take my learning further and study ecology at university.”  
Year 13 Student*

At A Level students have the opportunity to study towards qualifications with Edexcel. Students will study a diverse range of topics, conduct fieldwork and complete an Independent Investigation (coursework).

*Example of Human Geography topics:* Globalisation, Regenerating Places.

*Example of Physical Geography topics:* Hazards and Tectonic Processes, The Carbon Cycle and Energy Insecurity.

*Fieldwork:* 4 days in the field studying coastal landforms and processes in Cornwall. One day in the field studying Urban Regeneration in East London.



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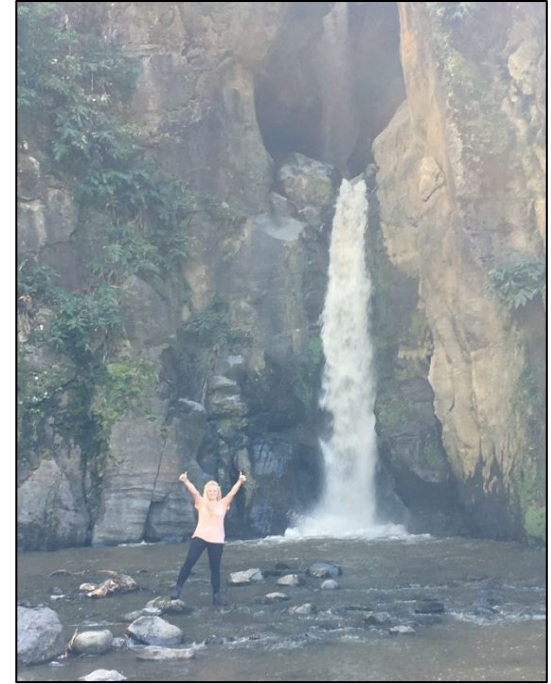
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# Our Co-curricular Offer

Students are invited to join a **KS3 Geography club** which runs once fortnightly. Students increase their knowledge of current teaching topics and get involved with further fieldwork and practical opportunities, for example, building their very own Volcano.

*Past trips have included:* East London, Cornwall, Iceland, Costa Rica, The Azores.

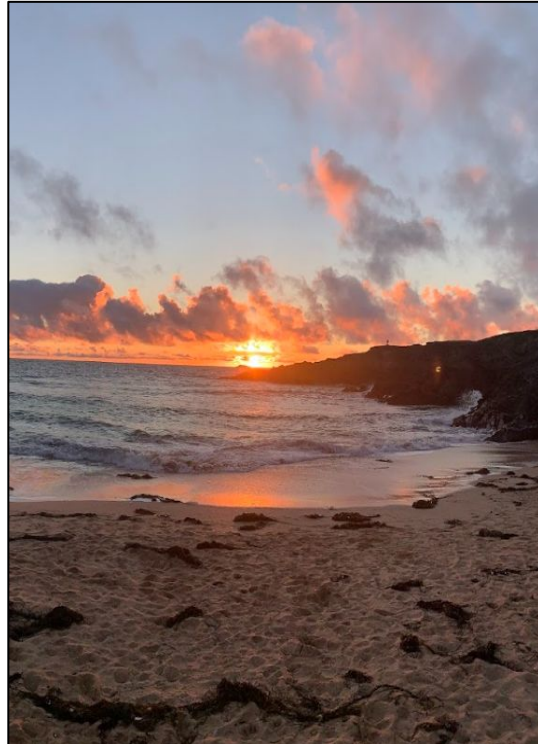


# Year 10 Azores Residential, April 2019





# Year 13 Cornwall Residential, July 2023





## Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Do all students study Geography?** Yes, all students study Geography in year 7, 8 & 9. They will choose to study this as an option at GCSE level.
- 2. How many field trips are there?** We have one fieldwork opportunity in year 7 and many others at GCSE. We take approximately 30 year 10 students on a residential trip every year. At the moment this is not possible due to Covid-19, however we wish to offer fieldwork again once it is safe to do so.
- 3. How many assessments are there in year 7?** We assess the students after each topic in the form of an end of topic test. There are approximately 6 assessment points in the year.
- 4. How do you decide what topics you teach the year 7 students?** We look at the GCSE topics set by the exam boards and identify key skills they need. We then take these skills, reduce the difficulty and introduce them to the students in KS3.



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**We look forward to meeting  
you in  
September 2024!**