

The Geography curriculum

- Geography follows the Oasis central curriculum.
- In Year 7, we focus on the following topics: map skills, natural hazards, weather and climate, social & economic development, rivers
- Our KS3 curriculum is one hour per week – therefore we aim to give students an overview of the subject. At GCSE, we look at these topics in far more detail

The Knowledge

- These are on the OASB website and a tool for revision
- All pupils will have Knowledge packs for independent study
- Parents are strongly encouraged to test their children on the facts on the Knowledge every day

Geography enrichment:

- At southbank, we are so fortunate to have time in the school week for students to explore topics outside of their ‘normal’ lessons
- Year 7 enrichment – climate change around the world – students are given an opportunity to explore the issue of climate change in six continents globally. At the end of this enrichment, students explore how climate change has impacted their local area and a member of the Lambeth Citizens Assembly comes into school to work with students
- Year 8 enrichment – Fieldwork – we believe that Geography is about exploring the world and sometimes the best way to do this is to get students out of the classroom. In this enrichment, students explore the environmental quality in the local area

Classes and sets

- All pupils are placed in a set from A – E based on their KS2 results
- A has 30 pupils, B has 28 pupils, C has 25 pupils, D has 22 pupils and E has 15 pupils.
- Set D and E will have an extra two teachers for support
- The sets are fluid and pupils move every half term based on their post-assessment result
- All pupils study the same content, the pace is different so that pupils can be stretched or supported and feel confident in their class

Homework

- Geography homework is set once a week and students are given a week to complete.
- Homework is a combination of learning ladder questions and knowledge quizzes.
- Students always record homework in their planners

GCSE

- Start in Year 9 with 3 hours per week.
- In Geography the exam board is AQA
- There are three exam papers
- Paper 1 – Physical Geography (natural hazards, deserts and rainforests, coasts and rivers)
- Paper 2 – Human Geography (urban issues and challenges, changing economic world, resource management)
- Paper 3 – Fieldwork (two locations – physical (coast) and human (Brixton))
- Every pupil sits the same exam paper

Support

- Set D and E have up to two extra teachers in the room
- Every lesson pupils complete a knowledge quiz for their do now and self-assess
- All teachers’ feedback regularly to pupils in a variety of ways: in-class, book marking and assessment feedback.
- Students are always set an additional task to help them improve their work