

THE CHARLES DICKENS SCHOOL - GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

Facilities

The Department of Geography comprises of four dedicated geography classrooms. Every classroom has its own interactive smartboard. The department is well-resourced with atlases, books, revision materials and all other equipment needed to ensure students can engage well with the Geography curriculum.

Curriculum

Key Stage 3

KS3 (Years 7-8) geography is delivered through three 60 minute lessons per fortnight. Topics covered include Hazards, the UK, Dynamic landscapes, Geography Skills as well as investigating World Environments. The topics explored allow students to build a core knowledge that provides a solid geographical understanding. They provide a breadth and depth, within the subject, ensuring that pupils can apply subject knowledge in a variety of techniques. The topics covered provide a 'thirst for knowledge' KS3 curriculum. A number of the topics allow for British Values and empathy to be embedded within the KS3 curriculum. There are cross curricular links with History, Science, English, Mathematics and RS.

Key Stage 4

Geography is optional at Key stage 4. The time allocation for KS4 is five 60 minute lessons per fortnight. Years 9-11 are undertaking the AQA GCSE Specification.

Extra-Curricular

The department have undertaken a variety of fieldwork experiences including - GCSE fieldtrips to Broadstairs, to investigate coastal processes and management, as well as exploring the regeneration of Deal. KS3 fieldwork has included visiting Legoland and London to enhance Geographical skills, knowledge and application. Intervention workshops and seminars are provided for exam year groups to ensure that students have the opportunity to develop, progress and excel in Geography. Planning is underway for extra-curricular provision development at KS3.