FURNESS ACADEMY

GEOGRAPHY CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

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GEOGRAPHY | YEAR 8

Our geographical learning journey: knowledge, skills and real-world understanding.

THE MIDDLE EAST

FOCUS: People, places and development

WHAT STUDENTS LEARN: Locate the Middle East and investigate its physical geography, diverse populations and economy. Compare development in the UAE and Yemen and debate Qatar hosting the 2022 World Cup.

GEOGRAPHY ROCKS

FOCUS: Geology and glaciation

WHAT STUDENTS LEARN: Identify rock types and explore Earth history, extinction and ice ages. Examine glacial features, processes and the effects of past glaciation.

BIOMES

FOCUS: Tropical rainforests and hot deserts

WHAT STUDENTS LEARN: Locate world biomes and understand climate controls. Compare desert and tropical rainforest climates, plant and animal adaptations and human activity.

WEATHER HAZARDS

FOCUS: Extreme weather and climate

WHAT STUDENTS LEARN: Explain rainfall, depressions and anticyclones. Investigate tropical storms, Typhoon Haiyan, tornadoes, monsoons and extreme UK weather.

KEY SKILLS DEVELOPED

LOCATE
Use maps, coordinates and place knowledge

EXPLAIN
Connect human and physical processes

INVESTIGATE
Interpret evidence, data and fieldwork

EVALUATE
Assess impacts, choices and responses

PROGRESSION Extends Year 7 learning through contrasting regions, ecosystems and physical processes.

ENRICHMENT Wider reading: Horrible Geography, Prisoners of Geography (Children's Edition) and climate-related texts.