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Year 9

Department of Geography

OVERVIEW

Skills Developed

- Geographical awareness
- Understanding how other people live and landscapes evolve
- Making links between the real and natural worlds
- Decision making
- Independence
- Introducing higher level fieldwork skills
- Assessing risk
- Data and graphical presentation
- Analysis of data

Topics covered

2 GCSE topics are covered in Year 9. The department follows the new AQA GCSE Geography course (8035). Students start studying the GCSE course in Year 9 and then have the option of continuing GCSE Geography in Year 10 and 11.

- **Topic One:** How do tectonic hazards shape our landscapes?
- **Topic Two:** How do weather hazards shape our landscapes?
- **Topic Three:** How do coastal processes shape the UK's landscapes?

- **Natural Hazards**
- Tectonic plate boundaries
- Tectonic hazards including volcanoes and earthquakes
- Tropical storms and their impacts
- Extreme Weather in the UK

- **Coasts**
- Coastal processes and landforms affecting the coast
- How should humans manage the coast?
- There is an opportunity to carry out fieldwork along a coastline. Previously we have been to Eastbourne Beach to see our geographic theory in action.

How we assess your daughter's progress

How we support and develop your daughter

Support materials:

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zcdrbk7>

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zs3ptyc>

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/gcse/geography-a-9030>

How you can help your daughter

- Visit the “Restless Surface” and “Volcanoes and Earthquakes” Galleries at the Natural History Museum
- Be aware of Geography stories in the news related to the topics she is studying- sit and watch the news together, find stories online or in the newspaper (local and national) to discuss
- Go on day visits to the local areas and if possible beyond to regional and national locations.
- Suggested locations:
- Local areas: Boxhill (North Downs), London (the London Docklands, East London regeneration, Notting Hill), RHS Wisley, Kew Gardens
- Regional areas: Cuckmere Haven, Brighton, the New Forest, Queen Elizabeth Country Park, the Devil’s Punchbowl
- National locations: The Lake District National Park, Yorkshire Dales National Park and the Dorset Coastline (Durdle Door, Swanage etc.)

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