

Faculty : Humanities

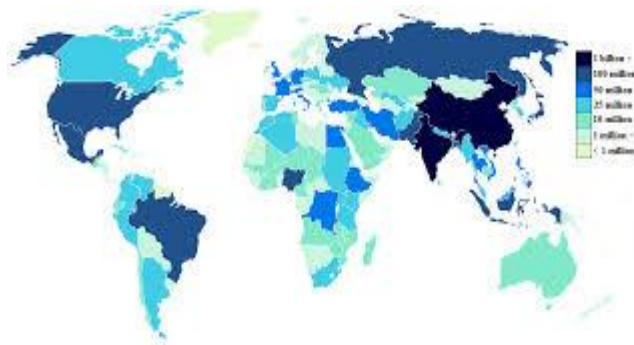
Subject : Geography – Year 11



St John Fisher
Catholic High School

Faculty Introduction:

Geography is one of the most relevant courses students choose to study. Geographers are also highly employable. Whatever a student's passion for the world - fascination with landscapes or concerns about inequality – In Year 11, Geography will provide students with knowledge and transferable skills that will give students a personal sense of reward and advance them academically. In Year 11, students continue the Edexcel Geography GCSE, which is a modular course comprising three units of study delivered over two years. Three units are assessed by examination.



Topics/Modules to be covered in the year:

Component 2: The Human Environment – Students continue their studies of Global Development with an extended focus on the country of Tanzania and Changing Cities by focussing on Birmingham and Sao Paulo, Brazil. Students then go on to study Resource Management with a focus on water.

Component 3: Geographical Investigations – Students end their Geography studies by examining the geographical challenges facing the UK, including the themes of environmental sustainability, transport, population, economy, landscape and climate change. Students will also study the process of completing geographical investigations and map skills.

Assessment:

Informal assessment takes place throughout lessons and can be verbal or written. Students will also have both their class work and homework marked regularly by the teacher. More formal assessment takes place at the end of each sub-unit (every 4-5 weeks) when students are expected to revise for and then sit a practise assessment. These tests are completed under examination conditions and are also used as the working grades which are reported home on a termly basis. Formal external assessment of the Edexcel GCSE Geography course takes place at the end of Year 11.

Homework expectations/key deadlines:

Students should expect to receive 45 minutes of Geography homework per fortnight. Homework is an integral part of the students learning and will be directly related to classroom teaching.

Enrichment Activities:

Enrichment and extension activities include GCSE Geography Club which runs at lunchtimes to assist students with the completion of both class work and homework. To prepare student for the final examinations, after school sessions are also provided for small target groups of students.