

The study of geography stimulates an interest in and a sense of wonder about places. It helps young people make sense of a complex and dynamically changing world. It explains where places are, how places and landscapes are formed, how people and their environment interact, and how a diverse range of economies, societies and environments are interconnected. It builds on students' own experiences to investigate places at all scales, from the personal to the global.

We also aim to help students become:

Successful learners who enjoy learning, make progress and achieve confident individuals who are able to live safe, healthy and fulfilling lives. Responsible citizens who make a positive contribution to society.

Geography at Ricards Lodge High School during Key Stage 3, covers a wide range of different topics and aims to inspire students to become global citizens by exploring their own place in the world, their values and responsibilities to other people, to the environment and to the sustainability of the planet.

Some topics covered at Key Stage 3:

An Introduction to Geography-This is an introductory unit that teaches students about the geography of their local area and introduces key geographical skills that they will need throughout KS3.

Maps-Students learn to read maps, read grid references, understand symbols and interpret topography.

Development & Globalisation-This unit allows students to investigate the uneven distribution of wealth across the world and the implications of this for both LEDC and MEDC countries.

Dynamic Land-Students learn about the processes of erosion, deposition and transportation and the features that these form.

Some topics covered at Key Stage 4:

Plate tectonics-This includes hazards such as volcanoes and earthquakes

Climate and change-Students look at past climates, the causes of climate change, the impact on ecosystems and what can be done to reduce it.

Water world-we look at the global hydrological cycle, threats to water quality, sustainable supplies for developing countries & solutions to the water crisis.

Population dynamics-This covers world population growth, measuring population growth and population policies around the world.

The Challenges of an Urban World-Students study urban lifestyles and eco-footprints. The focus will be on London.

Some topics covered at Key Stage 5:

Going Global – This unit brings together today's rapid economic changes which are impacting unfairly on people across the globe, and the related international issues of population change and migration.

Extreme Weather—This unit looks at how extreme weather leads to intermediate and long term hazards.