Bullers Wood School for Boys

Geography

Key Stage 3 | Years 7-9

Our aim

To develop curiosity about people, places and the environment, and the skills to investigate them: map work, fieldwork, data analysis and evaluating how human and physical processes shape our changing planet, including the causes and consequences of climate change.

Physical and human geography alternate through the year, from deserts, coasts and glaciers to population, crime and global trade, with map skills and case studies built in every unit.

- **Atlas & map reading**
- **Compass skills**
- **Grid references**
- **Data interpretation**
- **Contours**

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Autumn 1	**Key geographical skills**	**Dynamic coasts** Waves, erosion, landforms and coastal protection	**Tectonics** Plate boundaries, earthquakes, volcanoes, tsunamis
Autumn 2	**Desperate deserts**	**Weather and climate** Clouds, rainfall, pressure and extreme weather	**Development** Measuring development; India and Dharavi
Spring 1	**Mapability & Amazing UK**	**Wonderful China** Population, culture and economic growth	**Globalisation** Supply chains, TNCs and manufacturing
Spring 2	**Population explosion**	**Rivers of ice** How glaciers shape the land	**Global Africa** The Sahel, Lake Chad, the DRC and tourism
Summer 1	**We Will Rock You** Rocks and geology	**Riveting rivers** Drainage basins and flooding in Bangladesh and the UK	**The Middle East** Climate, oil, conflict and sustainability
Summer 2	**Exploring India** Plus a microclimate investigation	**Geography of crime** Patterns, piracy, illegal trade and data	**Future foods** Food security, food miles, GM crops, overfishing

Checking progress

- Quizzes and classwork most lessons
- End-of-topic assessments about half-termly
- End-of-year assessment in the summer

Homework

- One task a week, around 20 minutes.

Help at home

- 10–15 minutes a week with his exercise book and knowledge organiser
- BBC Bitesize, Educake, Seneca Learning

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Key Stage 4 | Years 10-11

GCSE Geography builds independent study and skills for a range of assessments, from global issues and the UK's landscapes to making real geographical decisions – with two days of fieldwork.

GCSE Geography B – Edexcel

Paper 1: Global Geographical Issues	Paper 2: UK Geographical Issues	Paper 3: People and Environment Issues
1 hr 30 · 94 marks + Hazardous Earth + Development dynamics + Challenges of an urbanising world 37.5%	1 hr 30 · 94 marks + The UK's physical landscape – coasts and rivers + The UK's human landscape + Geographical investigations (fieldwork) 37.5%	1 hr 30 · 64 marks + People and the biosphere + Forests under threat + Consuming energy resources + A decision-making exercise 25%

Fieldwork

+ Two compulsory fieldwork days – one physical, one human – which are then examined in Paper 2.

Skills you build

+ Map and graph work, statistics, extended writing and evaluating evidence to reach a decision.

Help at home

+ Regular review of notes and case studies; BBC Bitesize, Educake and Seneca Learning support revision. Following the news helps bring case studies to life.