What is Geography?
Geography is the study of the world's people, places and environments, and the relationships between them. It helps students to understand how physical and human processes shape the world, whilst exploring how decisions made by individuals, governments and businesses influence places at local, national and global scales.As geographers, students ask questions, investigate evidence, identify patterns and evaluate different viewpoints before reaching well-supported conclusions. Geography encourages curiosity about the world whilst developing analytical, problem-solving and decision making skills that are valuable both within and beyond the classroom.
Why do we teach Geography at Hasmonean?
At Hasmonean, we believe Geography enables students to make sense of an increasingly interconnected and rapidly changing world by developing a deep understanding of the physical and human processes that shape places and the diversity of people, cultures and environments. Our carefully sequenced curriculum revisits and builds knowledge over time through retrieval practice and synoptic learning, helping students apply geographical concepts to real-world issues. Ultimately, we aim to develop informed, thoughtful and compassionate young people who understand the opportunities and challenges facing our world and are equipped to engage with them responsibly.
How do we teach Geography at Key Stage 3?
Our Key Stage 3 Geography curriculum provides students with a strong foundation in both local and then global geography. Knowledge is carefully sequenced and regularly revisited through retrieval practice, enabling students to build secure understanding and apply it to increasingly complex geographical concepts and real-world issues. Students work in structured Geography workbooks (with digital versions available where appropriate), supporting consistency and reducing cognitive load. Through topics including the UK, Africa, natural hazards, development, globalisation, climate, ecosystems and the Middle East, students develop geographical knowledge alongside key skills such as map interpretation, data analysis, field sketching and decision making.
How do we teach Geography at Key Stage 4?
Our GCSE Geography curriculum follows the Edexcel B specification and builds on the knowledge and skills developed at Key Stage 3, introducing greater depth, complexity and independence. Students continue to work in structured Geography workbooks, providing consistency while supporting retrieval practice and reducing cognitive load. Students study a balanced range of physical and human geography, including hazards, development, urbanisation, coasts, energy resources and the UK's changing landscapes. Fieldwork is an integral part of the course, enabling students to collect, analyse and evaluate primary data through both human and physical investigations. Students develop examination skills through regular retrieval practice, extended writing and the interpretation of unfamiliar resources. https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/geography-b-2016.html
How do we teach Geography at Key Stage 5?
Our A Level Geography curriculum follows the Edexcel A Level Geography specification and develops students into independent geographers who can analyse complex geographical issues using a wide range of evidence. Students study both physical and human geography through topics including tectonic processes and hazards, the water and carbon cycles, globalisation, superpowers, changing places, and health, human rights and intervention. Synoptic thinking is embedded throughout the course, encouraging students to make connections between topics, places and different spatial and temporal scales. A significant element of the course is the independent investigation (NEA), where students design and carry out their own geographical enquiry, collecting and analysing primary data before producing a substantial written investigation that develops the research and analytical skills expected in higher education. Teaching combines academic challenge with extensive support, including structured workbooks, contemporary case studies, fieldwork, academic reading and independent research, preparing students for examination success, university study and an informed understanding of the world around them. https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/geography-2016.html