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Dear parent/guardian

Year 7 – Geography – September 2025

I am writing to let you know the geography topics that your son or daughter will be studying in year 7 and how this progresses into year 8 geography and ways that you can help support them at home.

| Term | Topic area |
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| Autumn half-term 1 | Volcanoes and plate theory |
| Autumn half term 2 | Geographical (map) skills |
| Spring half term 1 | Our Island Nation |
| Spring half term 2 | Our Island Nation/Ecosystems |
| Summer half term 1 | Ecosystems/Weather and Climatic hazards |
| Summer half term 2 | Weather and Climatic hazards/Prisoners of geography |

Our key stage 3 covers two years and builds on their prior learning at Key stage 1 and 2. We see the students 3 times over a fortnight and we will set 1 homework per week.

In year 8 geography the students will again build on their knowledge of geography from KS1+2 and what they have learnt in year 7 by studying:

1. Population and Urbanisation
2. Earthquakes and tsunamis
3. Rivers and flooding
4. Development and Africa
5. Iceland

Ways that you can support at home:

1. Encouraging them to look at wider reading from a news website like the BBC on volcanic events.
2. Using the excellent Key stage 3 Bitesize website with them to help extend their understanding and knowledge particularly useful for map skills but they have guides on Volcanoes too.

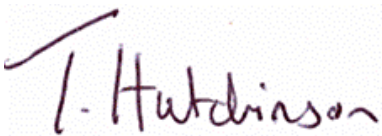


3. Encouraging them to use OS mapzone website to help with their geographical skills. <https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/mapzone/>
4. They will get some homework linked to DIGIMAPS in school website to help them with their GIS skills so supporting students with this website will be great. <https://digimapforschools.edina.ac.uk/> We will give the log in details for DIGIMAPS through their Google classroom account.
5. Testing students on their recall of the filled in glossary will help them before assessments.

We very much appreciate your support with their geography at home, and we are looking forward to inspiring them in their geography lessons each week.

Any questions please do contact me through the School Office.

Kind regards



Mr Hutchinson
Head of Geography

