

St. Elphin's School

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The Geography Department aims to develop pupils' understanding of their surroundings and to extend their knowledge of, and interest in the environment. This includes an appreciation of man's influence on the environment, the distribution of activities (such as agriculture and industry) and the physical processes shaping landforms.

The development of skills, for example mapwork and Geographical fieldwork, are an important part of the department's work.

A variety of teaching techniques are used including videos, slides, photographs and computer assisted learning. The Geography syllabus includes:

FIRST YEAR

1. Local Geography. e.g. Local landforms and local agriculture (based on fieldwork).
2. Ordnance Survey mapwork and atlas work.

SECOND YEAR

1. Developing countries.
2. Contrasts between developed and developing countries.

THIRD YEAR

1. Fieldwork techniques and methods of data presentation.
2. Physical processes at work in the environment.
3. Further Ordnance Survey mapwork.

FOURTH AND FIFTH YEARS

G.C.S.E. Geography (Northern Examining Association, syllabus B).

1. CLASS WORK Work covered in class is assessed by two examinations carrying 75% of the total marks.

There are six themes:

- i Population and settlement.
- ii Agricultural systems.
- iii Energy and natural resources.
- iv Secondary (Manufacturing) industry.
- v Tertiary (Service) industry.
- vi Transport and trade.

Each theme is illustrated by a series of sample studies taken from the British Isles, the European Community and the wider world.

2. INDIVIDUAL GEOGRAPHICAL ENQUIRY (25% of total marks).

Pupils' carry out two teacher directed local fieldwork studies and one fieldstudy organised and executed themselves, usually in their home area.