

At King Egbert School, we aim to create excellent geographers through promoting curiosity, by providing them with the core knowledge and skills to be able to engage with world issues for the rest of their lives. Students should gain a knowledge of the diversity of the world, our interaction with the natural environment for our survival, alongside a deep understanding of the physical and human processes.

Students study a mix of human, physical and environmental geography. Students are given the opportunity to study at a range of different scales – local, regional, national and global.

We aim to inspire an interest in places and engage students in current issues around the world, to create a sense of awe and wonder about the world we live in.

Each year 5 or 6 topics are completed, each one lasting half a term. Students are assessed mid-topic, through an extended piece of writing regarding a geographical issue and at the end of each topic with a core knowledge check.

Key Stage 3

At KS3 students are taught 2 x one hour periods a week each year. In Year 8 Geography is taught in 3 x 1 hour periods per fortnight. Homework is set at least once per topic, and focuses on knowledge recall, for instance to learn key terms from the topic. We strongly advise students keep up to date with current geographical events through accessing news articles and stories. There is also the opportunity for fieldwork in each year of years 7 and 8.

Key Stage 4

GCSE Geography is an option available to all students. The course is taught in 3 x 1 hour periods per week in Y10 and 2 x 1 hour periods per week in Y11, or the other way around for some classes. Fieldwork plays an important and compulsory part of the course.

Students then complete three exams at the end of the two year course. Paper 1: Physical Geography, Paper 2: Human Geography, Paper 3: Geographical enquiry and skills

Course: Geography AQA Specification A

Sixth Form

At KS5 we offer the two year AQA A Level geography course. In Year 12 and Year 13 students receive 5 x one-hour periods a week. Fieldwork is an important part of the course and is essential for exam success. Students must complete an individual piece of coursework which amounts to 20% of the final grade.

Over the course of Y12 there are multiple local fieldwork opportunities which include:

- Counter urbanisation in Hathersage
- Changing places in Attercliffe
- Coastal fieldwork in Cleethorpes
- Local fieldwork looking at the water and carbon cycle

The course is divided into physical and human geography and is taught by 2 members of staff.

Course: Geography AQA is the exam board offered for A Level.