



THE INDEPENDENT GRAMMAR SCHOOL: DURHAM

Geography Curriculum Overview

Whole School Curriculum Map (Years 1–6)

Year Group	Michaelmas 1	Michaelmas 2	Lent 1	Lent 2	Trinity 1	Trinity 2
Year 1	Our School & Local Area	Continents and Oceans	The United Kingdom	Northern Europe	Seasons	Polar explorers
Year 2	Our School & Local Area	Continents and Oceans	Globes & World Maps	African Safari	Regions of the UK	Climates
Year 3	Greece	Italy	Western Europe	Eastern Europe	Maps: compasses	OS maps: keys and reading
Year 4	China	India	Europe: countries, flags and capitals	Great Britain	Rivers	Mountains
Year 5	Spatial sense: map reading	Rainforests	Australia	New Zealand	International trade	Climates and environments
Year 6	North America	South America	Russia and Eastern Europe	Middle East	UK: economic activity and transportation	UK: tourism and recreation

Curriculum Intent

- At The Independent Grammar School: Durham, our geography curriculum is designed to:
- Develop pupils’ curiosity and fascination about the world and its people
 - Build knowledge of places, environments and human and physical processes
 - Develop geographical skills, including map reading, fieldwork and enquiry
 - Encourage pupils to think critically about global issues and their own role as responsible citizens
 - Follow a coherent, progressive sequence of knowledge and skills

Implementation

- Geography is taught through high-quality, engaging lessons
- Topics are taught in a coherent sequence across the year
- Lessons develop knowledge, vocabulary and geographical skills
- Pupils use maps, atlases, globes, digital resources and fieldwork to deepen their understanding
- Regular retrieval practice and assessment support long-term retention

Impact

- Pupils will:**
- Know more and remember more about the world
 - Understand key geographical concepts and vocabulary
 - Be able to use geographical skills confidently
 - Think critically about places, people and environments
 - Develop a sense of responsibility for the planet and its future
 - Be well-prepared for the next stage of their education



Geography helps children make sense of the world, explore its people and places, and inspiring them to care for its future.