

## Geography Curriculum Intent:

**Geography is a mix of human, physical and environmental topics. In order to understand the links between these areas, in Y12 we will study a human topic alongside a physical topic. In addition we will undertake 3 days of fieldwork in preparation for your independent investigation (the NEA).**

Topic:	Some key questions:
Changing places Y12	When people think of Sheffield, what do they imagine? How is this image shaped by film, songs and the media more generally?  How is the knowledge economy shaping places today?  How are places 'branded' in order to attract visitors?  Y12 Sheffield fieldwork day.
Global systems (Water and Carbon Cycles) Y12	What is a system?  How are the carbon and water cycles connected?  What is the link between the increased store of carbon in our atmosphere and recent increases in extreme weather events?  Y12 Water and Carbon fieldwork day.
Global governance Y12	In which ways has our world been shrinking?  Why has there been a recent dramatic rise in refugees?  Who owns our oceans and what geopolitical conflicts have arisen over their use?
Changing Landscapes (Glaciated landscapes) Y12	What causes glacial periods?  How have glaciers shaped the UK landscape?  How does ice create patterned ground?

**In Y13 we use the knowledge and skills we have learned in Y12 and apply them to contemporary themes in Geography. In addition, 20% of your final A level grade will be based on a non-exam assessment (NEA) which will be 3-4000 words long and completed in Y13.**

<b>Topic:</b>	<b>Some key questions:</b>
Tectonic Hazards  Y13	How does the structure of our Earth cause volcanic and seismic events?  Can we predict earthquakes?  What factors determine the vulnerability of a population to a volcanic eruption?
Weather and climate  Y13	Why is it frequently cloudy and rainy in the UK?  What are the causes and impacts of hurricanes?  Why are cities often warmer than their surroundings? Y12 Urban Heat Islands fieldwork day.
Development in an African Context  Y13	How is desertification blighting the lives of millions of people in Africa?  What is the resource curse?  How can we promote development in Africa?