

Why is it important to study Geography?

"Geography explains the past, illuminates the present and prepares us for the future"

The world in which we live is always changing. By studying Geography, you can participate more fully in the excitement, enjoyment and challenge of this changing world. Geography explains why changes are happening and helps to prepare you for them. It will help you to develop a knowledge and understanding of current events, from the local area to the global, including issues such as climate change and what a sustainable future might look like. Furthermore, the study of Geography encourages you to appreciate different landscapes and cultures around the world. Finally, you will develop a wide range of useful skills that overlap with many other subjects, for example, data collection, problem solving, as well as literacy and numeracy skills.



Frequently Asked Questions: **Geography**

What could I do before I come to KNBS to prepare for my studies in Geography?

You can look at the list of topics that you will study during year 7 and do some independent research using a range of resources: internet, books, magazines, newspapers, etc. Look at the geography that surrounds you and ask questions. For example, what technology brands do you have at home, and where do those brands originate? What vegetation do you have in your garden? What animals live in your garden? What is your furniture made of? Where did the materials come from? Where has the food for your meals come from? Where does the electricity you use come from? How does this affect the environment?

What else would you recommend to help my understanding of Geography?

Look at the web links below to familiarise yourself with more geography!

BBC Bitesize Map Skills

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z6j6fg8/revision/1>

Map Skills Games: Ordnance Survey

<http://mapzone.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/mapzone/games.html>

BBC Science and Environment stories:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science_and_environment

Geographical Educational Videos:

<https://timeforgeography.co.uk>

World Atlas:

<https://worldatlas.com>

Any further questions...

If you have any further questions about English at KNBS, please don't hesitate to fill in the Sharing Information Form located on the Transition Zone on our website.

How often will I have music lessons?

You will have one music lesson every week in years 7, 8 and 9.

If you choose music at GCSE, you will have five lessons every fortnight in years 10 and 11.



Frequently Asked Questions: **Music**

What instruments will we use in music lessons?

We learn using a wide range of instruments, so there's something for everyone! Across years 7, 8 and 9 you'll use keyboards, ukulele, percussion, African drums, your voice, and use GarageBand (on our iMac computers) for performance and composing.

What will we do in music?

Music lessons at KS3 are mostly practical, so you'll be playing instruments for most of your time in lessons. You'll learn about how music is made through studying a wide range of different genres, from classical to Rap, listen to and analyse musical examples, practise performance skills on lots of different instruments, and learn to compose your own music.

Will I fall behind if I don't have instrumental lessons?

Although many students do choose to take additional instrumental lessons, there is no expectation for you to do this at KS3, and you should be able to make your expected progress as long as you work hard in lessons, complete all homework to a high standard and follow all advice given by your teacher.

If you are intending to take GCSE Music in Y10, it is important that you learn an instrument in addition to KS3 lessons, however, this doesn't have to be through instrumental lessons. The more you listen, practise, and perform music, the quicker you will progress your musical skills! This might be through instrumental lessons, following online videos, practising in the music room in your spare time, or other methods.

Will I perform in front of people?

Performance is an important part of the music curriculum; students perform in front of their class where we develop a supportive, confidence building, mistake-friendly atmosphere.

In addition, students can choose to perform in our school concerts and join music service ensembles, if they want to.

Can I learn any other instruments?

In addition to timetabled curriculum music, we offer instrumental lessons in school time with Music Academy Midlands and Services for Education. All details on how to apply for these lessons can be found in a letter on the KNBS website. Instrumental lesson timetables are displayed on a noticeboard outside Music.

Do I need to bring my own instrument for music lessons?

For classroom music lessons, we provide all the necessary equipment. If you sign up to additional instrument lessons it will depend on which instrument you choose, for example, flute players bring their flute into school, whereas drummers use our drum kits for lessons.

What clubs do you offer, and can anyone join?

We offer a variety of extracurricular clubs, including 'Mash Up' (our 'any instrument welcome' orchestra), Ukulele Club, Soul Band, and a joint orchestra with KNGS. Students can also book the practise rooms at certain times for individual or band practise. Anyone can join in, however, some of the clubs do require you to be competent on an instrument. If there is a club you'd like us to provide, just ask and we will see what we can do!

What styles of music do we study?

We study a wide range of historical and cultural musical styles, including Classical Programme Music, Minimalism, Film Music, African Drumming, the Blues, and Reggae, amongst many others.

Any further questions...

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