



NEWQUAY TRETHERRAS GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

The Geography Department is a large team of specialist teachers and the most popular foundation subject at GCSE, with at least 5 classes in every cohort, delivering the GCSE Eduqas Specification A (9-1). This specification fosters an enquiry and skills-based approach to learning, and covers topics such as Extreme Weather Hazards, Global Cities and Social Development Issues.

In preparation for the GCSE, our 3-year Key Stage 3 curriculum is enquiry led, with students answering 'furtive questions' on geographical concepts and issues, firstly in the local context, then broadening their knowledge to national and global scales and understanding how this relates to their own lives. Questions include; Year 7 What happens when the land meets the sea, Year 8 Should we continue to live in flood prone areas?, Year 9 Can the people on our planet cope with tectonic hazards? Students complete homework challenges on each unit to encourage independent learning, in line with the whole school SORT programme.

At A-Level students also follow the Eduqas Specification, studying Global Issues in great depth such as, Tectonic Hazard Management and Mitigation, Global Governance of Migration and the Oceans and Contemporary Themes in Geography: Ecosystems.

Fieldwork enquiry is a fundamental part of the Geography curriculum in all key stages. Fieldtrips take place in the local area; developing map skills, as well as river studies (River Cober, Helston), urban studies (Plymouth & Exeter high streets) and coastal fieldwork (local and South Devon). Successful residential visits to Liverpool and London (GCSE) take place, and the department has run several international trips to Iceland (AS/A-level), and a Kenya residential with Camps International.