The Mall School

Curriculum Guide

Geography – Spring Term 2020

Year 8

Teachers: Mr James Fair
Lessons: 3 lessons (approximately 40 minutes each)
Homework: 1 x 40min

Introduction:
The geography curriculum is a spiral curriculum in which the boys will revisit topics and build on their knowledge and understanding of various geographical topics. The Common Entrance examination is made up of one 60 minute paper (80 marks) in which all thematic studies, mapwork skills and global location are examined. The boys will also need to produce a fieldwork assignment worth 20 marks which will be added to the 80-mark paper to give a total out of 100.

Key Objectives:
- Producing the final draft of the field work assignment
- Revision of Tectonic Processes and relevant case studies
- Revision of Coasts, including Holderness case study
- Revision of grid references, distance and height on OS maps
- Interpretation of map symbols showing human and physical features
- Improving knowledge of the world's major physical features
- Improving knowledge of countries, capitals and major cities
- Revision of Transport and Industry, including HS2 case study and Nike Factory case study
- Exam practice questions

Resources:
All boys must bring the following equipment to all lessons:
Handwriting pen (blue), Pencil, Rubber, Pencil Sharpener, 30cm Ruler, Colouring Pencils, Highlighter Pens, Glue Stick.
The main resources used in class are the Geography for Common Entrance text books (Human and Physical Geography) by James Dale-Adcock. The Year 8 boys will also be provided with a copy of the Geography for Common Entrance Revision Guide by Belinda Froud-Yannic.