



Geography

The aim of this Department is to provide a broad and balanced geographical education and to stimulate interest within and beyond the classroom. Geography is becoming ever more relevant and an important area of study in today's rapidly and constantly changing physical and human environments. In direct response to these developments, the staff of the Department is constantly adapting to and absorbing new ideas, skills and techniques.



Key Stage 3

In Years 8 – 10 we hope students will begin to discover the world around them and feel challenged and excited about it.

At key stage three, the teaching of both Human and Physical Geography and issues-based learning allows pupils to:

- Develop further their understanding of their surroundings and extend their interest in and knowledge of, other places in particular the British Isles;
- Gain a perspective within which they can place local, national and international events;



- Learn about the different ways in which people have reacted to, modified and shaped environments; and the influence of environmental conditions on social and economic activities through the study of demography and settlement;
- Appreciate more fully the significance of the location of places and of the links between places;
- Develop a sensitive awareness of the contrasting opportunities and constraints facing different people living in different places;
- Gain a fuller understanding of some controversial issues which have a geographical dimension, reflect on their own and other peoples' attitudes to these issues, and make their own informed judgements on migration, recycling and agriculture;
- Develop a wide range of skills that are required for geographical enquiry and are widely applicable in other contexts;
- Act more effectively in their environment as individuals and as members of society.

Fieldwork is seen as an integral and essential part of the Geography Curriculum in Castledeurg High School. Fieldwork provides a direct connection between the 'school world' and the 'real outside world'. We provide local fieldtrips for all our students at Key Stage 3.

Key Stage 4

GCSE Geography

There are three units.

Unit 1: Understanding Our Natural World

Theme A: River Environments (25%)

Theme B: Coastal Environments (25%)

Theme C: Our Changing Weather and Climate (25%)

Theme D: The Restless Earth (25%) 40% June Year 11. 1.30 mins

Unit 2: Living in Our World

Theme A: Population and Migration (25%)

Theme B: Changing Urban Areas (25%)

Theme C: Contrasts in World Development (25%)

Theme D: Managing Our Environment (25%) – 40% June Year 12. 1.30mins



Unit 3 : Fieldwork – Exam paper answering questions on their fieldwork sample.
-20% June Year 11. 1.00 Hour

There will be a residential fieldtrip to Magilligan Field Centre in February of Year 11 for one night/two days to prepare for Unit 3 Fieldwork examination. Cost will be in the region of £25 – £30.

It is possible to enter Unit 1 and Unit 2 in year 11. This is 60% of the exam. If unsuccessful you can resit one or both units in Year 12; the best score counts.