

Geography

“Geography explains the past, illuminates the present and prepares us for the future.” *Michael Palin*

Summerhill students will be **valuable members of society**

Geography prepares our students for the role of global citizens in the 21st century. Based on geographical analyses, they will appreciate how places and landscapes are formed, how people and environments interact, what consequences arise from our everyday decisions, and the diverse range of cultures and societies that exist and interconnect.

Our students will appreciate the complexity of attitudes and values that shape the way we use and misuse the environment. Through geography, they will learn to care for the planet and its inhabitants.

Summerhill students will be **skilled communicators**

Our students will develop planning, problem-solving and creative thinking skills. They will possess the ability to recognise the moral and ethical issues involved in debates and articulate these to a range of audiences.

Our students will develop effective enquiry skills. They will be skilled at presenting the results of their analyses. They will hone their oral and written skills, ensuring that the information presented is clear and concise.

Students will increasingly develop their cartographic and data visualisation skills so that their findings are understandable for an audience.

Summerhill students will be **knowledgeable**

Our curriculum will aim to inspire curiosity and fascination about the world and its people that will remain with students for the rest of their lives.

Students will be equipped with up-to-date knowledge about diverse places, people, resources and environments, together with a comprehensive understanding of the Earth's key physical and human processes.

As students progress, their growing knowledge about the world will deepen their understanding of the interactions between physical and human processes, and of the formation and use of landscapes and environments.

Our curriculum is underpinned by four key values:

- Courage** – doing what is right; being truthful; trying new experiences; taking risks in the pursuit of personal development
- Ambition** – having the highest aspirations and expectations of ourselves / others; being brilliant in all we do; having belief that challenges can be overcome with the right attitude and hard work
- Respect** – thinking about the way we interact with others; being considerate to ourselves, others and the environment; responding to expectations and working together in teams
- Effort** – investing time and energy to achieve success; always giving our best in everything we do; demonstrating resilience