

Geography



2007/8



This past year has seen the implementation of the new CE syllabus and its full testing in the summer exams. The introduction of Case Studies has been the biggest change this year. With over 66% of all pupils attaining an A or B grade the changes seem to have been well received by the pupils. There were some excellent scholarship results this year with over 30% of all candidates receiving an A grade or equivalent.

Geography continues to be a subject enjoyed by the majority and the trips and visits are always a highlight, especially the Year 8 trip to the Lake District (see: www.vinehall.info/archive/2008/camping).

The emphasis of learning is now more enquiry-based with plenty of opportunity for personalised learning and interactive lessons using the smart board and our ever improving resources for it.

The future looks promising for the Geography Department. We have a new teacher for Year 4 starting in September and this will add some new blood to the aging stock of existing geographers! There may be snow on the roof but the fire is blazing in the hearth!
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We were very lucky to have the explorer, Tom Avery, at Vinehall on the last day of term to present the prizes. Tom left Vinehall in 1989 and went on to Harrow and Bristol University where he read Geography. He has led climbing expeditions all over the world and is one of the country's leading polar explorers. Our pupils were inspired by his motivating speech and his enthusiasm.

