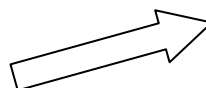
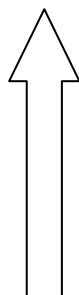


PARENTS CAN HELP TOO

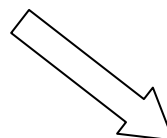
A copy of the “Big Picture” for Geography is attached to the first page of your child’s workbook. This will clarify the Year 8 course and it identifies the major points of assessment which you can look out for in learning organisers.

Be aware that your child should have an A4 workbook. Check the standard of presentation in your child’s workbook – is it as neat as possible?



SOME GENERAL ADVICE

Be familiar with “Big Picture” for Geography on the internet. From it you can access useful websites for all Year 8 topics – look at these with your son/daughter.



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Be aware that a coloured sheet is given out at the start of each new topic and stuck into your child’s workbook. This sheet gives specific details of what is taught in each topic and you can use it to help your son/daughter revise for tests and exams.

ATLAS WORK

- * Have an atlas available in your home. Look up countries when their names occur on news bulletins, planning for holidays, etc. Ask your child to identify the continent to which different countries belong. Work with latitude and longitude references when using the atlas.
- * Keep a road map of NI in your car. Use it when planning longer journeys to familiarise your child with town/county names and to generally establish a good background knowledge of NI.

DOMESTIC WASTE

- * Be aware of the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle campaign.
- Visit the Ecos Centre!
- * Look at a day's waste from your home; familiarise your child with the arrangements for disposing of waste from your home; go to the local bottle bank with your son/daughter.

ORDNANCE SURVEY

- * Encourage your child to read a map whenever an opportunity arises e.g. on information leaflets, maps displayed at a range of public facilities from forest parks to shopping centres, following a trail at a visitor attraction such as the Folk Park, etc.
- * Keep a copy of the OS sheet for this area in your home – use it to consolidate the map work skills your child will learn in class.

WEATHER

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- * Watch the weather forecast with your child. Ask son/daughter questions about the weather.
 - * Follow news stories about extreme weather events, particularly hurricanes.

SETTLEMENT

- * Encourage an interest in the local history of settlements e.g. through a visit to Ballymena Museum.
- * Point out interesting articles in the local newspaper regarding new housing, shopping developments, etc.
- * When walking and driving around the town with your son/daughter discuss what you see.