Exploring Your Local Area

In this task you are going to create your own illustrated map of your local area and add detail to it. You will need:

- a big piece of paper to make your map (A3 or bigger)
- glue
- scissors.

You will also need a printer to print the pictures for your map. Ask your parent/teacher to help you.

1. Open Huddersfield Exposed by clicking this link: https://huddersfield.exposed/wiki/.

2. Type the name of your school into the Huddersfield Exposed search box and press enter.
Click on each of the search results until you think you have found your school.

If you can’t find your school, ask your parent/teacher if the school used to be called something different and type that name into the search box instead.

If you still can’t find your school, type the name of a church or local monument nearby into the search box. This will give you an idea of what is in the area near your school.

3. When you click on the result that you think is your school, you will see something like this:
Explore your area using the satellite view on Huddersfield Exposed. Look for geographical features to add to your map. Here are suggestions for things to look for:

- Pictures of the surrounding countryside
- Labels for the main roads into town and where they head to
- Railway lines
- The highest hills in the area
- Tourist attractions (such as Whitby Abbey in this case)
- Details of physical features such as hills or lakes or forests
- Famous inhabitants
- Statistics such as population, main industries, weather data
- Churches, mosques or temples
- The street you live in.

You can look at older maps of your school by clicking on the ‘Historic Maps’ tab. This will help you find out what used to be in the area around your school.
4. Start making your map by drawing and labelling the geographical features of your area. Start with features of the landscape like main roads, railway lines and rivers. Then add buildings and information about your area.
The map above is a simple line drawing with coloured blocks showing in which decade things were built. Make yours a bit brighter with pictures and drawings!

5. Print off pictures of geographical features or famous inhabitants from your area to cut out and stick onto your map. You can find pictures from Google images and these websites:

   - A Street Near You: [https://astreetnearyou.org/#=undefined&lat=10&lon=0&zoom=2](https://astreetnearyou.org/#=undefined&lat=10&lon=0&zoom=2)
   - Geograph: [https://m.geograph.org.uk/](https://m.geograph.org.uk/)
   - Historypin: [https://www.historypin.org/en/](https://www.historypin.org/en/)

You now can continue adding labels, information and images, to build up your own illustrated map of where you live.