

Our Solar System – Exam Notes

The solar system consists of the Sun, eight planets, their moons, asteroids, comets and dwarf planets. It was formed about 4.6 billion years ago.

The Sun

- Center of the solar system
- Made of hydrogen and helium
- Provides heat and light

Inner Planets

Mercury – Smallest and closest to Sun

Venus – Hottest planet

Earth – Supports life

Mars – Red Planet

Outer Planets

Jupiter – Largest planet

Saturn – Famous rings

Uranus – Rotates on its side

Neptune – Farthest planet

Other Objects

Asteroids, comets, and dwarf planets like Pluto.