



GEOGRAPHY

Geography

Geography involves the study of our environments, what natural environments look like and the processes that form them, and how people affect them.

It offers the opportunity to develop a variety of valuable skills including map reading, mind mapping, decision making, teamwork and investigating contemporary issues. Within the GCSE curriculum you will have the chance to use and develop your IT skills, producing PowerPoint presentations, using the Internet as a research tool as well as working together in group work and in peer teaching activities. If you are interested in the relationships between people and their natural environments, understanding how the world around you works and your place within it, then Geography is for you.

Geography is not just about the physical features of different places or what people think about where they live, in this course you have the chance to investigate issues affecting people and the environment across the world. You will learn what it is like to live in a shanty town; how to survive an avalanche and what happens when bollards attack.

You will study geography at GCSE from two different aspects, the Human and Physical Environments. You will also complete a controlled assessment based on a fieldwork.

Human: Population Change, Changing Urban Environments and Tourism.

Physical: Ice on the Land, The Restless Earth and Weather and Climate.

Fieldtrips:

During the course you will take part in one compulsory field trip in order to carry out the Controlled Assessment. This field trip enables students to collect primary data and explore a location away from home to investigate issues that are happening there and the reasons behind them.

Assessment:

The course is assessed in 3 sections:

1. A human exam which will take place in year 11 (June)
2. A physical exam which will take place in year 11 (June)
3. A controlled assessment (end of year 10 (data collection), write up in year 11)

Each exam attracts 37.5% of the total mark and will take place in the exam hall; each will be 1 hour and 30 minutes long. The controlled assessment is 25% of the final mark and will consist of a 2000 word fieldwork report. The fieldwork for the controlled assessment will take place towards the end of the year.