



## GEOGRAPHY - GCSE

Geography is an exciting and relevant course that tackles the big issues such as climate change, poverty, deprivation, global shifts in economic power and the challenge of sustainable resource use. Students will also be encouraged to understand their role in society, by considering different viewpoints, values and attitudes.

The world in which we live is likely to change more in the next 50 years than it has ever done before. Geography explains why and helps to prepare you for those changes. Geography is about the future; the course aims to stimulate at all levels of ability and develop geographical, personal and cross-curricular skills, including those of residential and local fieldwork, team work activities and problem solving.

Geography combines naturally with a wide range of other subjects, it fosters transferable skills, flexible thinking as well as offering a broad knowledge base which are assets in the complex world of employment today.

The course is based upon **three** areas of study:

- **Living with the physical environment**
  - The challenge of natural hazards
  - Physical landscapes in the UK
  - The living world
  
- **Challenges in the human environment**
  - Urban issues and challenges
  - The changing economic world
  - The challenge of resource management- food, water and energy.
  
- **Geographical applications**
  - Issue evaluation
  - Fieldwork
  - Geographical skills

The course is linear and assessment will take place at the end of Year 11.

1. Living with the physical environment, 1 hour 30 minute examination; 35% of the GCSE.
2. Changes in the human environment, 1 hour 30 minute examination; 35% of the GCSE.
3. Geographical applications, 1 hour examination; 30% of the GCSE.

On all of the examinations there will be a range of question types: multiple-choice, short answer, levels of response and extended prose.