Overview

Geography at Upper Batley High School is a carefully designed course which promotes and fosters

enthusiasm in learners for learning about the world in the 21st Century. The world is constantly

changing and our curriculum reflects this dynamic and changing world, investigating topical issues,

changing countries and potential futures. There is an emphasis on encouraging learners to develop

an independent curiosity about their world and its interactions.

Outline of Course Content

GCSE Geography offers a more in depth study of key geographical subjects such as earthquakes,

volcanoes, rivers, coasts, populations, global warming and urban growth. Geography is not all

classroom based as learners have the opportunity to take part in fieldwork away from the classroom

at GCSE level. We are also very fortunate to have a Forest School on the UBHS site.

Course Breakdown

The GCSE course follows the AQA specification and consists of three topics:

Component 1: Living with the Physical Environment (35%) Written examination

Section A: The challenge of natural hazards Section B: The living world

Section C: Physical landscapes in the UK

Component 2: Human Environment (35%) Written examination

Section A: Urban issues and challenges Section B: The changing economic world

Section C: The challenge of resource management

Component 3: Geographical Applications (30%)

Section A: Issues Evaluation (using pre released material on a certain topic previously covered)

Section B: Fieldwork

Extracurricular and Enrichment Opportunities

Fieldtrips are designed to enable learners to experience at first hand the natural environment which

surrounds us. We are privileged to live in a country that is geographically diverse in both its physical

and human characteristics and have exciting Geography on our doorstep. We shall certainly be

making the most of these opportunities and allowing learners to broaden their knowledge base.