Course Information: The GCSE builds on KS3 knowledge and skills and is taught over two years. Students will have 3 hours of lessons a week. There are 3 units in this GCSE course.

Unit 1 - Our Natural World: Students will learn about global tectonic and climatic hazards, changing climate, distinctive landscapes and sustaining ecosystems.

Unit 2 - People and Society: Students will learn about urban futures, important issues facing the UK, understand the importance of resources to maintain life on Earth as well as examining development in Africa. Students will take part in fieldwork to develop their fieldwork skills and understanding of Units 1 and 2. Students will place their knowledge in up-to-date case studies for all units.

Unit 3 - Geographical Exploration: Students will use their knowledge and understanding developed through Units 1 and 2 to examine and make a decision about a relevant current case study or contemporary issue.

Skills:

• Reading and interpretation: a range of texts, including maps, articles, pictures and graphs

• Writing , analysis and evaluation

• Mapping and data analysis

• Graph and maths skills

• Enquiry based thinking

• Using GIS: (Geographical Information Systems) to read ‘layers’ of data

• Research

• Problem solving

The broad range of skills in geography are one of the reasons Geography students are so successful!

Potential careers:

There are a broad range of careers supported by a Geography GCSE. As a part STEM subject Geography can fit well with a career in the sciences as well as more traditional human

Geography related jobs:

Development worker, e.g. aid organisations, Journalist, working in human rights or for an NGO, Environmental Scientist, Advocate for migrants, Law, Town planner,

Landscape architect, Conservationist, Marketing and media manager , Accountant, Underwriter, Risk Analyst, Civil servant, Data Analyst, Government policy maker, Flood management, , Volcanologist, Meteorologist, Cartographer (map designer), and many more!

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