GEOGRAPHY

“The study of geography is about more than just memorising places on a map. It’s about understanding the complexity of our world, appreciating the diversity of cultures that exists across continents. And in the end, it’s about using all that knowledge to help bridge divides and bring people together.”

- Barack Obama

Geography helps students to make sense of the world around them and the challenges we all face. We want our students to see how relevant Geography is in our modern and complex world and for students to understand this world and the role they play in the future of it. We want our students to become well-rounded and worldly people that know; think; study and explore like a Geographer.

We want all our Geography students to:

• Know Geography - as they develop and extend their knowledge of locations, places, environments and processes, and of different scales including global; and of social, political and cultural contexts.

• Think like a Geographer - as they gain understanding of the interactions between people and environments, change in places and

• processes over space and time, and the interrelationship between geographical phenomena at different scales and in different contexts.

• Study like a Geographer - as they develop and extend their competence in a range of skills including those used in fieldwork, in using maps and

Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and in researching secondary evidence, including digital sources; and develop their competence in applying sound enquiry and investigative approaches to questions and hypotheses.

• Explore like a Geographer - as they apply geographical knowledge, understanding, skills and approaches appropriately and creatively to real world contexts, including fieldwork, and to contemporary situations and issues; and develop well-evidenced arguments drawing on their geographical knowledge and understanding.

SUBJECT INTENT

GCSE GEOGRAPHY

There are 2 main branches to Geography; Human and Physical.

Physical Geography: Links to science and looks at the natural elements of the world, at CHS that includes; Tectonic Hazards, Weather Hazards,

Climate Change, Ecosystems and distinctive landscapes.

Human Geography: is a social science. Human Geography is about how humans interact with the world. At CHS this include: Development,

Population change, UK in the 21st Century and resource reliance.

We feel that this blend of old and new Geography is refreshing and modern and will prepare our students for an ever changing world. Alongside the core topics, students will also study Geographical Skills, e.g. map and graph skills and will have to use these successfully in their exams. Whilst skills have always been important in Geography, this course will require students to have a much deeper understanding of using them and evaluating which is the most appropriate when applying them in an exam.

• Our Natural World (01) - 70 Marks - 1 hour 15 minutes exam

• People and Society (02) - 70 Marks - 1 hour 15 minutes exam

• Geographical Exploration (03) - 60 Marks - 1 hour 30 minutes exam

STUDENTS WILL CONTINUE ONTO THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATION

HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

WHY STUDY IT?

Students learn a vast variety of skills which link to most other subjects and will set them up for college. Geography links to all careers; employers love the mix of technical and social skills people get from studying geography, which they see as very transferable, i.e. useful for a whole range of jobs. According to the Royal Geographical Society, Geography graduates have some of the highest rates of graduate employment! Geography is great for any kind of career that involves the environment, planning, or collecting and interpreting data. Popular careers for people with geography qualifications include: town or transport planning, surveying, conservation, sustainability, waste and water management, environmental planning, tourism, and weather forecasting. The army, police, government, research organisations, law and business world also love the practical research skills that geographers develop. As geographers learn about human and population development, geography can be useful for jobs in charity and international relations too.