Geography is a relevant and ever changing subject that will help you understand the modern world. It is the only subject which combines the humanities and the sciences. Geography has a strong practical element that allows you to develop real world skills such as fieldwork, research and use of ICT

Course Content

Our Natural World

• Global Hazards looks at a range of climatic and tectonic hazards, how they affect people and how we can try to reduce the risks they pose

• Changing Climate looks at the key issue of climate change the evidence for it and how we can try to mitigate the worst effects of a hotter climate in the future

• Distinctive Landscapes looks at how our distinctive landscapes have been created by the processes occurring due to rivers, oceans and glaciers

• Sustaining Ecosystems looks at the importance of polar environments and tropical rainforests and investigates how they should be sustainably managed for the future

• Fieldwork and geographical skills will be developed through all units and will form a key part of the course

People and Society

• Urban Futures looks at urbanisation and the challenges facing cities around the world in the 21st Century and how we can make cities more sustainable

• Dynamic Development looks at the reasons for global differences in development and the prospects for growth in developing and under-developed countries

• UK in the 21st Century looks at a range of issues facing modern Britain such as our changing population and

Britain’s place in a global economy

• Resource Reliance looks at our relationship with resources in the context of a growing global population and looks at issues such as ensuring future food, water and energy security for 10 billion people

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Assessment

100% Examination

• Our Natural World (33.3%)

• People and Society (33.3%)

• Geographical Exploration (33.3%)

Subject Specific Skills

Analysing different types of information, e.g. photographs, graphs, satellite images, number data, maps and text.

An interest in the wider world. Research and practical fieldwork skills will also be developed.

This subject works well with…

Geography works well with other Humanities subjects such as History and Sociology as well as science subjects like

Biology.

Future Pathways

You can specialise at Degree Level, to follow an interest in Physical Geography (for the science or environmentally minded) or Human Geography (for those more Humanities or Economics minded). A Level is also relevant to those who are thinking about an Environmental Studies degree.

It can open doors to a wide variety of careers such as:

Aid/ Development work, Environmental Management, Tourism, Planning, Research/ Journalism, Marketing, Meteorology, Hazard Management, Logistics and Business Management.