Qualification: GCSE

Equivalent to: 1 GCSE (9-1)

If you are interested in the world around you and fascinated by the similarities and differences

between people and the places they live, then this is the choice for you. Geography is the subject

that is up to date and relevant to everyday life and combines science with a focus on people. You

will need to keep an eye on current events and feel comfortable with using ICT to research and

present your findings. You must enjoy getting out and about whilst doing fieldwork.

Course Content

The course is split into three units over the two years.

• Living with the Physical Environment – this includes natural hazards, climate change, coasts,

rivers and ecosystems.

• Challenges in the Human Environment – this includes urban issues, economic change and

resource management.

• Geographical Skills and Fieldwork – this will develop the use of maps, charts, viewpoints and

other data to build an effective understanding of issues and locations.

Indicative course cost: £75 to cover two compulsory fieldwork visits.

Assessment

• There are three written examinations. These all take place in the summer at the end of the two

years of the course.

• There is one level of assessment. There will no longer be a Higher and Foundation tier.

• Two fieldwork visits will be undertaken to provide experience in an outdoor environment and

provide evidence for the fieldwork examination.

Progression – Sixth Form / Further Education / Careers

Geography is a subject that is widely respected and will help you to get a job that involves travel

or working for an international company. The teamwork skills and global awareness you gain whilst

studying the course give geographers a big advantage in the employment market. Many go on to

study the subject at A Level and then for a degree. Geography is also a useful subject for people

who want to study geology, oceanography, environmental science, meteorology, earth sciences,

anthropology and a whole range of other subjects.

Who would enjoy and be successful on the course?

People with an enquiring mind who like to understand why places are like they are. People

who enjoy working outdoors and who are interested in travel and might like to live or work in

another country. Also those who like to use their creativity and are not sure whether they are

more scientific or artistic.