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EXAMINING BODY: OCR Geography Syllabus B

COURSE DESCRIPTION

“Geography is the subject which holds the key to our future” – Michael Palin

Geography is the study of where places are and what they are like. It looks at how people live in different

parts of the world and how and why places change. You will learn about global and local issues that are

relevant to your life and the future of this planet. This qualification is important in teaching ‘life skills’ that

everyone will use in the future and can lead to further study of Geography. It is useful in a variety of careers

linked with tourism, advertising, agriculture, cartography, nature conservancy and surveying.

The course is enquiry-based, which means you will investigate the answers to questions such as:

\* How do rivers and coasts affect the people and industry that live and work by them?

\* How do natural hazards affect people in parts of the world?

\* Why do some places experience population growth while others decline?

\* How and why do cities change and differ?

\* How can the use of resources, industry and environments best be developed and managed sustainably

for our future?

You will gain the following skills:

Practical skills, for example using:

\* Different kinds of maps, satellite navigation, graphs and statistical analysis techniques;

\* Computers and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) (including GIS);

Working with others and on your own:

\* Discussing, explaining and presenting your ideas;

\* Fieldwork, collecting and recording information for an investigation;

\* Problem-solving and decision making.

EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS:

There are three exams in this course, all of which are sat at the end of Year 11.

Exam 1: Our Natural World 35%

This examination covers physical topics: Global Hazards, Climate Change, Distinctive Landscapes and

Sustaining Ecosystems. This exam also includes questions which assess your knowledge and

understanding of the physical fieldwork undertaken during the course.

Exam 2: People and Society 35%

This examination covers human topics: Urban Futures, Dynamic Development, the UK in the 21st Century

and Resource Reliance. This exam also includes questions which assess your knowledge and

understanding of the human fieldwork undertaken during the course.

Exam 3: Geographic Exploration 30%

This examination focuses on synoptic assessment from both Our Natural World and People and Society.

This exam requires the use of geographic skills including cartographic, graphical and statistical skills. This

exam will also require you to formulate enquiry and arguments based upon your wider knowledge and

understanding of geographical issues and a range of provided resources.

PROGRESSION:

To progress to A Level Geography, it is recommended at least a grade 6 is achieved at GCSE in Geography.

Geography is a diverse subject which has links to a wide variety of degrees and careers, whether these be

Geographical in nature, business, economic, or science related (just to name a few), this course opens a

wide range of options