Geography

Examination Board: AQA GCSE Geography Course Code: 8035

Subject Lead - Mr S Bennett

Assessment Arrangements

Paper 1: Living with the Physical Environment: 90 minute exam 35%

Paper 2: Challenges in the Human Environment: 90 minute exam 35%

Paper 3: Geographical Applications, Issues and Fieldwork 30%

(Fieldwork will be examined as part of Paper 3 with visits to Llandudno Town ,

Llandudno Beach, Chester, Liverpool and North Wales depending on options taken.)

Please note that participation in the two fieldwork sessions is a mandatory requirement of

the examination. Students whose behaviour be considered too dangerous to themselves or

others will not be allowed to participate in the fieldwork and this would therefore be self penalising in the examination.

Curriculum Time and Homework

5 hours per fortnight in Year 10 and 6 hours per fortnight in Year 11. Approximately 2

hour per week minimum on homework.

Why Study this Course?

This exciting course deals with the major issues that face the world today. Including how

different people around the world live and interact with their environment.

Progression Opportunities

Geographers make a great deal of use of transferable skills involving interpretation and

analysis of information. Geography is a popular course of study at degree level and is in

the top three subjects for graduate employment.

Geography and History are both considered facilitating subjects by the Russell Group of

top universities.

Geography is in the unique position of being classed as an Arts or Science subject at

degree level.

Geography is an ideal option for students considering careers in Business, Law, Leisure

and Tourism, Journalism, Publishing, Teaching, the Emergency Services and the Civil

Service.

Course Outline

Paper 1: Natural Hazards - including earthquakes, volcanoes and hurricanes.

Coasts - the threat of rising sea levels and the use of the coast for leisure,

Rivers and flood management.

Ecosystems - the challenge of management and conservation.

Paper 2: Urban issues, planning, changing economic world and the challenge of

resource management.

Paper 3: Questions will be based on your fieldwork investigation as well as decision

making activities.