GCSE Geography

The new GCSE specification aims to help you acquire skills and knowledge relevant to helping you to understand the world we live in today. It can also be an important stepping stone towards specialising in Geography if you want to. It will allow you to appreciate issues and events both at a local, national and global scale.

Geography will help you develop your communication and teamwork skills, as you will

often work on group projects. You will also develop your research and analysis skills including in IT and fieldwork, which means you will be able to collect and look for patterns in data.

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.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. Geographers learn about human and population development; Geography can be useful for jobs in charity and international relations too.

Assessment

Paper 1: Global Geographical Issues including climatic and tectonic hazards as well as

looking at how India developed as an emerging country. Also, why is the world unequal

in terms of levels of development and how can inequality be reduced?

Paper 2: UK Geographical issues, focuses on different physical and human landscapes in

the UK, rivers and the impact of flooding. Coastal landscapes are also studied with a focus

on how they can be managed to prevent coastal erosion and coastal flooding.

Paper 3: A decision making paper which looks at why natural resources like food, energy

and water are under pressure and how we can manage these demands without damaging

the environment. In this paper you will use your knowledge, understanding and skills to

interpret Geographical sources and make decisions.

As part of the course you will take part in fieldwork away from school (this will incur a

small cost) and you will become aware of many issues you have never considered before.

In short we offer you the world!