Geography

Optional Subject

Ebacc Subject

Why study Geography?

Geography is a forward-looking subject and a part of everyday life.

The levels of interest span all scales, from a local planning enquiry to global warming. Geography is highly regarded by employers, sixth forms and universities alike as it shows that a person has a broad educational background and a breadth of knowledge encompassing both Art and Science.

You will gain a good understanding of how the world operates, as well as current

events and an appreciation of different cultures at home and abroad. You will also develop a diverse range of skills, including communication, teamwork, literacy, numeracy, analytical, investigative, ICT and decision making skills.

The course will cover

Unit 1 – Global Geographical Issues:

Hazardous Earth (atmosphere, climate change, hurricanes, earthquakes, volcanoes), development dynamics (global inequality, including how an emerging country is developing),

and challenges of an urbanising world (causes and challenges of urbanisation, including a study of a mega-city).

Unit 2 – UK Geographical Issues: The UK’s evolving physical landscape (overview of UK

landscape, with detail on coasts and rivers), the UK’s evolving human landscape (overview of the varied UK human landscape, with detail of a major UK city), and Geographical investigations – including one physical fieldwork investigation and one human fieldwork

investigation.

Unit 3 – People and environment issues: People and the biosphere (ecosystems, their

importance for human wellbeing and for resources), Forests under threat (tropical

rainforests and taiga), and Consuming energy resources (renewable and nonrenewable energy, supply, demand, sustainability).

Assessment

Component Weighting Duration

Paper 1 Unit 1 37.5% 1 hour 30 mins

Paper 2 Unit 2 37.5% 1 hour 30 mins

Paper 3 Unit 3 25% 1 hour 30 mins

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