Aims

• To stimulate an interest in the natural environment and the way people live in countries of

different levels of development

• To develop practical skills such as map work and writing up the results of field-work

• To provide an interesting and challenging course using a wide-variety of teaching methods

Content

The Physical Environment (\*Paper 1 code: 1GA0/01)

• Topic 1: The changing landscapes of the UK – including optional sub-topics from which

students choose two from three, 1A: Coastal landscapes and processes, 1B: River landscapes

and processes and 1C: Glaciated upland landscapes and processes.

• Topic 2: Weather hazards and climate change

• Topic 3: Ecosystems, biodiversity and management

The Human Environment (\*Paper 2 code: 1GA0/02)

• Topic 4: Changing cities

• Topic 5: Global development

• Topic 6: Resource management – including optional sub-topics from which students choose

one from two, 6A: Energy resource management and 6B: Water resource management

Geographical Investigations: Fieldwork and UK Challenges (\*Paper 3 code: 1GA0/03)

• Topic 7: Geographical investigations – fieldwork

• Topic 8: Geographical investigations − UK challenges

Examination

• Edexcel Syllabus A

• THREE written exam papers at the end of the course -

Paper 1 - 1 hour and 30 minutes, 37.5% of the qualification, 94 marks

Paper 2 - 1 hour and 30 minutes, 37.5% of the qualification, 94 marks

Paper 3 - 1 hour and 30 minutes, 25% of the qualification, 64 marks

• As a department we have many years of experience teaching. Results are amongst the top

departments in the school and many students gain their highest grades in Geography.