Geography is the subject which tackles the big issues that affect us

all. If you are interested in the changes that are occurring in our

region and across the globe, then this is the subject for you.

The world in which we live in is likely to change more in the next fifty years than it ever has done

before. Geography explains why, and helps to prepare for those changes. Geography is a broad

subject which keeps your options open as it fits with both science and arts subjects. It also

provides you with a range of skills – in data handling, research skills and report writing. It

encourages flexible thinking, a valuable asset in today's world.

We study the AQA syllabus which is a contemporary course covering the following topics:

Paper 1-Physical Geography

The topics studied in this unit are ‘Challenge of natural hazards’, ‘Physical landscapes in the UK’

and ‘The living world’. In this unit we analyse the processes that have shaped the world we live

in. We also consider how these processes effect the people who live on the planet . For example,

why earthquakes in poorer countries cause more loss of life than earthquakes in richer ones?

Paper 2-Human Geography

The topics studied in this unit are ‘Urban issues and challenges’, ‘The changing economic world’

and ‘The challenge of resource management’. This unit investigates the world and the people in

it, their interactions with one another and their complex environments.

Paper 3 Geographical Applications

This unit requires pupils to collect primary data to investigate patterns

and geographical processes. To do this the Geography Department offers

a field trip to collect the necessary data for this paper. This has the

additional benefit of aiding their understanding for the exam.

Fieldwork

Students will undertake a day of human and physical fieldwork on the

edge of North Yorkshire Moors. This will comprise of one day occurring in the summer.

ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

Paper 1: Physical Geography 35% of the GCSE 1hr 30 exam

Paper 2: Human Geography 35% of the GCSE 1hr 30 exam

Paper 3: Geographical Applications 30% of the GCSE 1 hour exam