What does the course offer me?

“Geography is a living, breathing subject, constantly adapting itself to change. It is dynamic and

relevant. For me geography is a great adventure with a purpose.”- Michael Palin

Geography is about asking questions. Questions like “where is the deadliest volcano and why do

people still live on its slopes?” and “why are some countries so much poorer than others and can

anything be done about it?” Studying Geography involves selecting and analysing information

that you have been given and that you have collected yourself. It involves planning your own

investigations and setting your own questions.

You can expect to study topics as varied as tornadoes to tourism and global warming to glaciation.

You will build on all the hard work you have put in over the last two years and have the chance to

revisit some of your favourite topics. As we hope you know by now studying geography is never

dull and involves responding to changes in the world around us. Every lesson you can expect to

be looking at something new and the course will change to reflect current affairs. One thing you

can be certain of is that if you study Geography you will go into the world a well informed and

knowledgeable young adult.

What does the course involve?

Component 1: The Physical Environment

• Section A: The changing landscapes of the UK

• Section B: Weather hazards and climate change

• Section C: Ecosystems, biodiversity and management

Component 2: The Human Environment

• Section A: Changing cities

• Section B: Global development

• Section C: Resource management

Component 3: Geographical Investigations: Fieldwork and UK Challenges

• Section A: Geographical investigations – physical environments. Pupils

choose one from two optional questions (Rivers or Coasts).

• Section B: Geographical investigations – human environments. Pupils

choose one from two optional questions (Central/Inner Urban Area or

Rural Settlements).

• Section C: UK challenges

How will my work be assessed?

Component 1: The Physical Environment

Written examination: 1 hour and 30 minutes 37.5% of the qualification

Component 2: The Human Environment

Written examination: 1 hour and 30 minutes 37.5% of the qualification

Component 3: Geographical Investigations: Fieldwork and UK Challenges

Written examination: 1 hour and 30 minutes 25% of the qualification

Progression and Careers:

Geography GCSE is widely recognised by employers and universities

as an excellent academic GCSE that provides pupils with a vital set of

skills and knowledge. There is a wide range of routes and pathways that

Geography can take you and careers include environmental consultancy,

planning and chartered surveying, land and marine management, hazard

management, ecological conservation, climatology, sustainability and

development. Geographers also build up a large bank of transferable

skills, which make them highly employable in many other sectors not

directly related to Geography, such as medicine, information technology,

law, management, research, marketing, finance and business, industry

and manufacturing. GCSE