Head of Faculty/subject : Mr S Sagnia

Examination Board: AQA

What will you be studying when you take this course:

Geography is the study of the earth’s landscapes, peoples, places and environments. It is about

patterns and processes and the impacts of relationships between people and their environment. It

is unique because it combines social sciences (human geography) with the natural sciences (physical

geography).

Geography recognises the great differences in cultures, political systems, economies, landscapes

and environments across the world. It focuses on contemporary as well as timely issues including

natural disasters such as earthquakes and volcanoes and issues such as climate change.

The topics that are included within the course are as follows: Volcanoes and Earthquakes, The

Economic World, Weather Hazards including Tropical Storms, Climate Change, Ecosystems and

Tropical Rainforests, Urbanisation (with a fieldwork case study), Deserts, Rivers, Coasts (with a

fieldwork study) and Energy (with resource management and problem solving skills assessed).

How will you be assessed?

The course is assessed through 3 exams, students take part in two fieldwork studies on which they

are assessed on in Paper 3.

Paper 1: Living with the physical

environment

Paper 2: Challenges in the

human environment

Paper 3: Geographical

applications

The challenges of natural

hazards: earthquakes & tropical

storms

The living world: hot deserts &

rainforests

Physical landscapes in the UK:

rivers & coasts

Geographical skills

Urban issues and challenges

The changing economic

world

The challenge of resource

management – Energy

Geographical skills

Issue evaluation

Fieldwork

Geographical skills

Written exam: 1 hour and 30

minutes

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University and careers opportunities with this subject area:

Employers value the wide-ranging computer, research and analytical skills that Geography students

can offer. Examples of employment that a student who studies GCSE Geography may progress into

include; town and transport planning, resource and countryside management, emergency

management, customer service, tourism and recreation, journalism, marketing, management and

administration, GIS, research, armed forces, environmental management and conservation,

teaching and geology. Also field occupations such as energy, industry, and many more.