Are you interested in studying Geography at GCSE? You should be because:

✓ We teach an exciting, up to date, relevant and interesting curriculum

✓ Geography is an academically rigorous subject and will prepare you well for moving on to further education.

✓ Geography is included as an Ebacc subject

✓ Geography helps you to develop a wide range of transferable skills – essential in the world of higher education and

employment

✓ Geography provides opportunities for you to understand what is going on in the world around you

Which Syllabus do we follow?

The AQA specification recognises the vital role Geography has in the 21st century curriculum enabling our students to appreciate

the complexity of our world and the diversity of its environments, economies and cultures. The course comprises three papers;

one physical, one human and one that is skills and fieldwork based.

Paper 1: Living with the physical environment Paper 2: Challenges in the human environment

How is it assessed?

1hr 30min written exam. 35% of the GCSE

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Units studied:

Section A: The challenge of natural hazards

• Tectonic hazards

• Tropical storms, Extreme weather in the UK and Climate

change

Section B: Physical landscapes in the UK

• Coastal and River landscapes in the UK

Section C: The living world

• Ecosystems (Tropical rainforests and Hot deserts)

Units studied:

Section A: Urban issues and challenges

Section B: The changing economic world

Section C: The challenges of resources management

• Resource management

• Energy

Paper 3: Geographical applications

How is it assessed?

75min written exam. 30% of the GCSE. Pre-release resources made available from March in the year of the exam

Units studied:

Section A: Issue evaluation

This section assesses students’ geographical skills & applied knowledge by looking at a particular issue(s) taken from part

of the course (using a pre-released resource). It challenges students’ critical thinking and problem solving skills.

Section B: Fieldwork

Students need to undertake two geographical enquiries. Students will be examined using a range of questions that assess

their understanding of fieldwork design, data collection and analysis.

What can I do after I’ve completed the course?

Employers and Universities see Geography as a robust academic subject, rich in skills, knowledge and understanding. Geography

links the arts and the sciences, meaning it works with many subject combinations; a good grade will help to move you on to any

post-16 course.

GEOGRAPHERS CAN:

Make a concise report

Handle data

Ask questions and find the answers

Make decisions about an issue

Analyse material

Manage themselves

Solve problems

GEOGRAPHERS ARE:

Independent thinkers

Good communicators

Spatially aware

Socially and environmentally aware

Problem solvers

Good team players

Computer literate

Well rounded, flexible thinkers