What will I learn?

Some of the topics are similar to those you learnt about in year 7, 8 and 9 but we will explore the topic in

more detail. Some of the topics will be new. There is a balance of physical geography and human

geography studied. Both will help you to understand the ever changing world around you.

Paper 1: Living with the physical environment

a. Challenge of natural hazards (earthquakes, hurricanes, extreme weather and climate change)

b. The living world (tropical rainforests and hot deserts)

c. Physical Landscapes (coastal landscapes and river landscapes)

Paper 2: Challenges in the human environment

a. Urban Issues and challenges (issues of urbanisation and sustainable living)

b. The changing economic world (uneven world economic development)

c. The challenge of resource management (challenges of managing water, food and energy with a

focus on energy)

Paper 3: Geographical Applications

a. Issue evaluation

b. Fieldwork

How will I be assessed?

There will be 3 exams taken at the end of Y11 :

- Paper 1: Living with the physical environment: 35% (1hr 30 mins)

- Paper 2: Challenges in the human environment: 35 % (1 hr 30 mins)

- Paper 3: Geographical Applications: 30% (1hr 15 mins)

For paper 3, 12 weeks before the exam we will be given a set of resources that form part of a decision-making

exercise. We will analyse the resources in preparation of answering questions in the exam about the material. The

second half of the paper focuses in the fieldwork we will complete. At the end of each topic there will be an

assessment so both you and your teacher can look at your progress. You will also be able to practice exam questions

during each topic as part of classwork and homework.

What qualities and skills do I need for this course?

You need to be prepared to work hard. We look at lots of general issues and then follow this up by looking

at real examples (case studies) e.g. the problems caused by hurricanes and then we will look at a case

study of a hurricane. This means you have to be able to remember lots of detail and back this up with good

literacy skills to answer extended writing questions. You need to have good map skills and be able to

interpret a wide range of information sources e.g. analysing photographs to describe the damage caused

by earthquakes.

How is this course delivered?

This is a classroom-based course. We learn about many examples of real-life events so there are lots of

opportunities to watch documentaries to see the impacts they have had on people and the environment.

At the end of year 10/beginning of year 11 we will go on a local fieldtrip.

What can I do after this course?

You will be able to move onto study ‘A’ level geography or geology. Due to the wide range of content

studied at A level and skills you will have developed, it is a highly regarded A level subject by universities.

As you cover many different topics and you will learn many transferable skills, geography allows you access

to a large range of jobs.