Examination Board:

AQA

Head of Department:

Miss J Bruce

THIS SUBJECT IS ASSESSED IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

Living with the Physical Environment (35% of the total GCSE

marks) 1½ hours

Challenges in the Human Environment (35 % of the total GCSE

marks) 1½ hours

Geographical Applications (30% of the total GCSE marks) 1¼

hours Contains 2 sections, the first is about evaluating an issue

for which pre-release material will be issued by the examination

board 12 weeks before the exam. The second section based on

field work enquiries.

REQUIREMENTS OF THE COURSE:

Students study a range of topics in Physical geography including the

challenge of natural hazards (Tectonics, Weather and Climate

change), the living world (Ecosystems, Tropical Rainforest Cold

Environments) and UK physical landscapes (River landscapes &

Glacial landscapes)and Human geography including Urban Issues

and challenges, the changing economic world, the challenge of

resource management and food.

Fieldwork will take place outside the classroom and school grounds

on at least two occasions and will be carried out in contrasting

environments to show an understanding of both physical and human

geography. In at least one of the enquiries students will be expected

to show an understanding about the interaction between physical

and human geography.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Throughout the GCSE Geography course students have the opportunity

to consider a variety of geographical issues and in doing so, become

knowledgeable and critical geographers. There is an emphasis on the

understanding of physical processes in the environment, as well as the

management and mismanagement of resources by people. Students

also have the opportunity during this course to develop their fieldwork

skills and build on their knowledge from Key Stage 3.