This exciting and relevant course studies geography in a balanced framework of physical and human themes

and investigates the link between them while developing student’s global persepctives.

Students will explore case studies in the United Kingdom (UK), higher income countries (HICs), newly

emerging economies (NEEs) and lower income countries (LICs). Topics of study include climate change,

poverty, deprivation, global shifts in economic power and the challenge of sustainable resource use.

As part of the course, students must attend a residential field trip in the UK to investigate both physical and

human processes in the world. The cost of the trip is added to termly bills; please enquire for further

information.

Choose GCSE Geography and you will learn how today’s world was shaped and understand the challenges we

face in the future. You will also examine the Earth’s natural resources and the increasing battles between the

man-made and natural world. This knowledge, paired with your essential curiosity, will give you the sought-after

transferable skills for success in further education and the workplace. As geographers, you will develop your

ability of “systems thinking” which is recognised by educators, entrepreneurs and employers as one of the most

valuable skills for the 21st century.

Living with the physical environment

Discover more about the challenge of natural hazards and the living world, physical landscapes of the United

Kingdom and human interaction with them. This unit develops an understanding of the tectonic,

geomorphological, biological and meteorological processes and features in different environments. It provides

you with the knowledge about the need for management strategies governed by sustainability and

consideration of the direct and indirect effects of human interaction with the Earth and the atmosphere.

Challenges in the human environment

This unit is concerned with human processes, systems and outcomes and how these change both spatially and

temporally. You will develop an understanding of the factors that produce a diverse variety of human

environments; the dynamic nature of these environments that change over time and place; the need for

sustainable management; and the areas of current and future challenge and opportunity for these

environments.

Assessment

There are three written examinations.

Paper 1: Physical Environment

Challenge of natural hazards

The living world – ecosystems, rainforests and deserts

Physical landscapes of the UK – rivers and coasts

Examination 1hour 30 minutes 35%

Paper 2: Urban Issues and Challenges

Changing Economic World

Urban Issues and Challenges

Challenge of Resource Management - Food

Examination 1hour 30 minutes 35%

Paper 3: Issue Evaluation (based on pre-released resource booklet which students can access 12

weeks before the examination date)

Fieldwork-based on 2 geographical enquiries, collecting primary data in contrasting

environments during the residential field trip.

Geographical skills – based on the use of maps, graphs and statistics.

Examination 1hour 15 minutes 30%