“Geography is the subject which holds

the key to our future” – Michael Palin

Why choose GCSE Geography?

GCSE Geography will help you to understand more about the world, the challenges it

faces and your place within it. Geography as a subject examines many big, global

issues as well as investigating varying locations from all around the world. Whether you

are interested in the natural environment or the role of humans on the planet –

Geography has something for everyone.

What will I study?

We offer a broad and balanced curriculum here at St Thomas More for GCSE

Geography. We follow the AQA specification and cover a wide range of human and

physical topics. Some topics you might have covered in years 7-9 and some topics will

be completely new!

You will also learn the real-life application of Geography, through undertaking fieldwork,

which will offer you a valuable insight into how Geography applies beyond the classroom.

Who would GCSE Geography suit?

GCSE Geography would suit students who are interested and intrigued by the world

around them and how it is changing. Geographers are problem solvers, decision makers,

effective communicators and independent learners – amongst many other things! In

short, there are many different types of students that GCSE Geography would suit, that’s

why it is such a popular option.

How will I learn?

Lessons are well resourced from a variety of sources including

online sources, up to date textbooks, current news items and

video clips.

There will be opportunities for independent learning and

research, these may be computer based. Some activities will

require an approach that uses paired learning or group work. In

all situations, students will be expected to share and

communicate ideas within a small group and with the wider

audience of the classroom.

The opportunity to carry out physical and virtual fieldwork will

also provide you with practical experience of Geography. Your

knowledge will be enhanced by relating topics studied to real life, up-to-date examples from all over the world.

Your teacher will be your lead resource but not the only one!

YOU WILL

Make concise

reports

Handle data

Ask questions and

find answers

Make decisions

about current issues

Respond to sources

Analyse material

Organise yourself

Think creatively and

independently

Work as a team

Undertake fieldwork

Explore the world

External assessment.

GCSE Geography is 100% exam based. Students sit three exam papers at the end of

year 11:

Paper 1 – Physical Geography 1 hour 30 minutes [35% of GCSE]

Paper 2 – Human Geography 1 hour 30 minutes [35% of GCSE]

Paper 3- Fieldwork & Issue Evaluation 1 hour [30% of GCSE]

How can I use this course after Year 11/ in the future?

Geography is a highly regarded subject by a range of post-16 providers. It is a very popular

option at our sixth form and is regarded by Universities as a facilitating subject. Geography is a

subject that does not relate to one specific job – there are lots of jobs that Geographers do!

As well as provide you with a great foundation of knowledge relating to the world around you,

Geography provides you with a range of skills that are transferable across a range of subjects

and professions.

If I want to know more I should ask……..

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