

# Geography

**GCSE Qualification - AQA**

**Course Leader: Mr Clemens**

## Successful learner profile

- Is curious about the world around them, and seeks to deepen an understanding of the physical and human processes shaping our world to make informed decisions
- Has a passion to understand the complex nature of the planet by asking and answering questions, 'why did that happen', 'what was the effect of...'
- Aspires to develop into an ACE geographer (Analytical, Critical, Empowered)

## Why choose this course?

- If you want to know and understand more about the world you live in, and how this world is formed and managed, then this is the course for you.
- Geography is a diverse course which bridges the gap between the Sciences and the Arts. It is seen as a huge asset by employers, sixth form and universities alike who consider the skills gained through this course to be highly prized.
- Opportunities for fieldwork to develop your understanding.

## What will you study?

- The course investigates how the physical and human aspects of our world impact on each other through the study of the main world systems.
- Discover our physical world; Tectonic and weather hazards, Our living world; Ecosystems, Tropical Rainforests and Hot Deserts, Changing UK landscapes- rivers and coasts. Answering questions like – Why is our earth so dangerous? What effect does the rainforest have on us? How have rivers affected the landscape of the UK?
- Investigate our human environment; Urban issues, Changing economic world, Resource management. Answering questions like – What are the challenges of growing cities? How can countries improve the quality of life of the population? Why might water become the main cause of conflict?
- Fieldwork and map skills are an integral part of the course.

## How will you be assessed?

- There will be three final exams (100%). These will be taken at the end of Year 11.
- Two of the exams will focus on the content of the course, and a third will be about fieldwork techniques that are practiced during the course and a Decision Making Exercise based on resources studied in class. All exams have marks awarded for spelling, punctuation and grammar.
- 10% of marks are awarded for numeracy skills

## Possible progression post 16

We offer A level Geography to successful GCSE candidates who achieve a level 6 or above. This can lead to a huge array of career and university options. Many students who have completed this course have then gone into the following careers: Government, Engineering, the Travel Industry, City Planning, Law, Weather Forecasting, Diplomacy, Construction, the Armed Services and Environmental Management.

## Weblinks

[www.geography.org.uk](http://www.geography.org.uk)  
[www.geographyjobs.co.uk](http://www.geographyjobs.co.uk)