

GEOGRAPHY GCSE

INTRODUCTION

We will be following the Edexcel Geography A syllabus which has three parts to it (one exam for each unit):

1. The Physical Environment,
2. The Human Environment
3. Geographical Investigations: Fieldwork and UK Challenges.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Geography students will gain far more than the taught content. You will be able to:

- Develop a range of skills through practical activities such as fieldwork, role play, computer research and analysis of photographs and maps
- Develop an awareness of contemporary issues (in the news/up to date) that will help you understand the world around you
- Understand how we can affect the environment and other human beings by our actions.
- Develop knowledge and understanding of other cultures and places around the world.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

In Year 11 you will be assessed by three written papers; all papers are 1 hour 30 minutes.

The examinations include source based questions, short responses, numeracy calculations and 8 – 12 mark extended questions.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Geography GCSE is open to all students but due to the qualification being 100% examined, it is recommended that students have good literacy levels to be able to fully access the course. Students are required to be attaining A1 or A2 attitude to learning grades in Geography throughout Year 9.

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

Geography equips you with a range of transferable skills that will aid you in a range of subjects offered at post-16. It is a qualification that employers look for due to the problem solving aspect and the range of key skills such as analysis and evaluation that you develop throughout the course.

FURTHER INFORMATION

There is a fieldwork element to the GCSE Geography course and students are expected to attend data collection visits either locally or nationally. The field trip location varies and there is an additional cost to this that has always been met by contributions from the student/parent/carers. Financial constraints should not prevent a student from selecting this subject – please discuss any concerns with us.

GCSE Geography is one of the EBacc group of options.

The course specification can be viewed at www.edexcel.org.uk (follow GCSE links and click on Geography A). Any member of the Geography department would be happy to answer any questions you may have or alternatively contact Mr Morgan, Head of Geography.

