

## **Subject: (AQA) GCSE Geography**

### **Introduction**

Students will travel the world from their classroom, exploring 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, earthquakes, volcanoes, global shifts in economic power and the challenge of sustainable resource use. Students are also encouraged to understand their role in society, by considering different viewpoints, values and attitudes.

This is a forward looking course designed to equip young people with a thorough understanding of their world.

### **Aims of the Subject**

#### **Paper 1: Physical Geography**

##### **Section A: Challenge of Natural Hazards**

- Tectonic Hazards
- Weather and Climate Hazards

##### **Section B: Physical Landscapes in the UK -**

- Coastal zones
- River systems

##### **Section C: Living World**

- Ecosystems with Tropical Rainforest and Hot Deserts or cold environments

#### **Paper 2: Challenges in the Human Environment**

##### **Section A**

- Urban Issues and Challenges

##### **Section B**

- Changing Economic World

##### **Section C**

- Resource Management with Food, Water and Energy

#### **Paper 3: Geographical Application**

- Issue Evaluation (from pre-release)
- Fieldwork (human and physical including interaction)

### **Coursework**

There is no coursework component. However, students need to undertake at least 2 field trips which will give them the skills to complete Paper 3.

### **Assessment**

There will be 3 exams at the end of Y11.

Paper 1 - Physical Geography, 1 hour 30 min, 35%

Paper 2 - Human Geography, 1 hour 30 min, 35%

Paper 3 - Geographical Skills and Application, 1 hour 15 minutes, 30%

### **Useful Resources and Further Information**

Exam Board: AQA Geography

This course is suited to people who have an interest in the challenges facing the modern world.

Fieldwork is an explicit and integral part of this new course and students need to be mature and responsible when undertaking this.

See Miss Bunton for further details.