

# GEOGRAPHY GCSE

## Who is it for?

Do you want to make sense of the world around you? Geography allows you to get to grips with some of the big questions which affect our world. Geography will help you understand the social, economic and physical forces and processes which constantly shape and change our world.

If you are interested in the natural world and all of its challenges, and would like to develop a knowledge and understanding of current events then Geography is for you!

There has never been a better time to study Geography. It is hands on, it is relevant and it is fun.

## What does the course cover?

Students follow the new AQA Geography syllabus. There are three themes of study to this course:

1. **Living with the physical environment** (Natural Hazards, UK Physical Landscapes, the Living World)
2. **Challenges in the human environment** (Urban Issues, the Changing Economic World, the Challenge of Resource Management)
3. **Geographical applications** (fieldwork and geographical issues)

## How is the course assessed?

Written exams at the end of Year 11 will enable you to show geographical skills, knowledge and understanding.

There are three papers examining the themes you will study:

- Paper 1: examining theme 1 (1 hour 30 minutes - 35%)
- Paper 2: examining theme 2 (1 hour 30 minutes - 35%)
- Paper 3: examining theme 3 (1 hour - 30%)

Students are examined at the same level, there are no tiered examinations and there is no coursework/controlled assessment. All exams are taken at the end of Year 11.

All students will carry out two days of fieldwork, there will be one trip to study physical geography (landforms and natural processes), and one to study human geography (interaction of humans and their environment).

