



## Geography

**“Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts. Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one’s lifetime.”**

Mark Twain

### **Purpose and Vision:**

Geography is studied at KS3 and is then an option subject for GCSE and A level. It is a subject that encourages students to think about the world we live in and study how the human and physical aspects are interacting and reflect on what our future might look like. Students develop a deep understanding of what is going on around us and are encouraged to make decisions and make critical judgments about what they are learning. Geography gives students the chance to develop their literacy skills as well as critical thinking and analysis skills.

### **KS3:**

Geography at KS3 is designed to give students enthusiasm and engagement for the subject, as well as embedding skills required to succeed at the subject. In year 7 students start by learning about fantastic places around the world to capture their interest before learning the map skills that are necessary for KS4 as well as topics like rivers and coasts to embed knowledge that is revisited in KS4. In year 8, students study a variety of topics relating to the world around us such as natural hazards, climate change and development allowing them to stand in good stead for their GCSE.

### **KS4:**

Geography at KS4 is taught for three lessons a week, developing an understanding for physical and human geography and the exam skills that are needed as well as embarking on field trips for both aspects of geography. Students study very current topics to prepare students with a knowledge of the world we live in now, for example resource security, climate change and urban challenges with an ever increasing global population. Other topics include ecosystems, the changing economic world and UK physical landscapes.

### **KS5:**

Geography at KS5 prepares students for a variety of destinations; developing literacy skills and analytical skills, as well as geographical skills and statistics. Geography is a versatile subject meaning it can be used

in a variety of degrees and careers; giving students an excellent general knowledge and awareness of the world around us. Topics studied include global systems and governance and population and the environment, as well as water and carbon cycles and natural hazards.

**Programme of Study:**

Year 7					
Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Fantastic Places	Map Skills	Rivers	Coasts	Global Issues	Globalisation
Year 8					
Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Disease	Plate tectonics	Plate tectonics/Population	Population	Weather and climate	Weather and climate
Year 9					
Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
The Living world	The Living World	Urban Challenges	Urban challenges	Coasts	Coasts and revision
Year 10 –AQA					
Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Rivers	The changing economic world	The changing economic world	Natural hazards	Natural Hazards	Revision
Year 11-AQA					
Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
The Changing economic world	Natural Hazards	Resources	Resources /Revision	Revision	
Year 12-AQA					
Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Changing Places	Changing Places	Global systems and governance	Global systems and governance	Fieldwork and geographical skills	Fieldwork and geographical skills
Year 13-AQA					
Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Global systems and governance	Population and the environment	Population and the environment	Revision	Revision	