Geography (GCSE)

Information from the exam board can be found here.

Grades awarded: 9 – 1

Why study this subject?

The world in which we live is likely to change more in the next 50 years than it has ever done before. Geography explains why, and helps to prepare you for those changes. The transferable skills which geography fosters are an asset in the complex world of employment today making geography students among the most employable. Geography is about the future and encourages flexible thinking.

What will I study in this course?

- The biggest challenges facing the UK today e.g. climate change
- The importance of managing resources sustainably
- How tropical cyclones form and the devastation they cause
- How to apply your knowledge to interpret and analyse new information
- How to use maps, photos, graphs and charts to look for meaning
- How to conduct fieldwork yourself and use it to answer key questions

How will I be assessed?

Students will be assessed on the above content by three exam papers, all sat at the end of Year 11:

- Paper 1 – 37.5 % - The Physical Environment
- Paper 2 – 37.5% - The Human Environment
- Paper 3 – 25% - Geographical Investigations; Fieldwork and UK Challenges

What will this qualification lead to?

You may choose to continue your study of geography at A Level. A Level geography is highly valued by universities and studying geography at Key Stage 5 will keep a range of degree options open to you.

There are also many apprenticeships available in the geography area; Wind Turbine Engineer, Disaster Management, Chartered Town Planner, Geospatial Mapping Technician, Historic Environment Advice Assistant, Ecologist and Transport Planner.

How is the course structured?

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 9	Investigating Our School Extreme Environments	Hazardous Earth	Conflict Geology of the UK
Year 10	River Landscapes Rivers Fieldwork (trip to Cod Beck)	Weather Hazards and Climate Change Changing Cities	Urban Fieldwork (Newcastle) Global Development
Year 11	Global Development Ecosystems	Coastal Environments Resource Management	UK Challenges

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