

Geography

GCSE Qualification - AQA

Course Leader: Mr Clemens

Successful learner profile

- Is curious about the world around them, and seeks to deepen an understanding of the physical and human processes shaping our world to make informed decisions about the future
- Has a passion to understand the complex nature of the planet by asking and answering questions, 'why did that happen', 'what was the effect of...'
- Aspires to develop into an ACE geographer (Analytical, Critical, Empowered)

Why choose this course?

- If you want to know and understand more about the world you live in, and how this world is formed and managed, then this is the course for you
- Geography is a diverse course which bridges the gap between the Sciences and the Arts. It is seen as a huge asset by employers, sixth form and universities alike who consider the skills gained through this course to be highly prized
- Opportunities for fieldwork to develop your understanding

What will you study?

- The course will give you the chance to get to grips with some of the big issues which affect our world, and understand the social, economic and physical forces and processes which shape and change our world.
- The course investigates how the physical and human aspects of our world impact on each other through the study of the main world systems
- Discover our physical world; Tectonic and weather hazards, Our living world; Ecosystems, Tropical Rainforests and Hot Deserts, Changing UK landscapes- rivers and coasts. Answering questions like – Why is our earth so dangerous? What effect does the rainforest have on us? How have rivers affected the landscape of the UK?
- Investigate our human environment; Urban issues, Changing economic world, Resource management. Answering questions like – What are the challenges of growing cities? How can countries improve the quality of life of the

How will you be assessed?

- There will be three final exams (100%). These will be taken at the end of Year 11.
- Two of the exams will focus on the content of the course, and a third will be about fieldwork techniques that are practiced during the course and a Decision Making Exercise based on resources studied in class. All exams have marks awarded for spelling, punctuation and grammar.
- 10% of marks are awarded for numeracy skills

Possible progression post 16

We offer A level Geography to successful GCSE candidates who achieve a level 6 or above. This can lead to a huge array of career and university options. Many students who have completed this course have then gone into the following careers: Government, Engineering, the Travel Industry, City Planning, Law, Weather Forecasting, Diplomacy, Construction, the Armed Services and Environmental Management.

Weblinks

www.geography.org.uk

<https://www.rgs.org/choose-geography/choose-geography-at-school>