

## Subject: Geography

### Level: A Level

#### Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs at level 5 or above including English. You must have studied geography at GCSE level

#### Who is the course for?

This course is aimed at those who enjoy their world and are curious about its origins, or the people living in it. It is for students thinking about further education to college or university but is also an appropriate course for anyone considering a career in areas such as marketing, politics, estate management, GIS specialists, Environment Agency, Travel and Tourism, conservation, civil engineer, town planning and forestry to name but a few. Geography is a diverse subject that provides a skills base highly rated by both employers and further education providers. Geography is an excellent cross curricular A level linking to the sciences as well as humanities, English and maths.

#### How will I learn?

This course offers students the opportunity to develop independent study skills and conduct research into a single topic – from classics like volcanic hazards through to contemporary cultural geography. Students have the chance to develop their expertise giving them the skills that employers want and preparing them for UCAS applications and interviews at high calibre universities.

There will be field work opportunities to develop skills and experience geography first hand. You need to do a minimum of two days at AS and 4 days at A level.

#### What learners are saying:

*"It empowers me to understand interconnected global issues and contribute to a better future."*

#### Further Education & Career Pathways:

Students can obtain UCAS points to enable progression onto a Degree or other Higher education qualification. Students may be able to gain employment in a wide variety of careers; some of which are outlined at the start of this document. This qualification shows individuals have skills that are highly sought after by employers.

## Course Outline

The AQA Geography course is a contemporary academic course encouraging independent study and the attainment of high order skills, it focuses on current global issues and how we are linked to them as an individual. It comprises some compulsory units of work, but students are also given choice and can direct their study into areas that truly interest them. These are selected to reflect the interests of each year group or individual. Over the two years students are required to complete 6 core units from the following list:

### PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY

#### **Water and the carbon cycle**

Coastal systems and landscapes

Hazards

Hot desert systems

Glacial systems

Ecosystems under stress

2 ½ hr exam worth 40%

### HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

#### **Global systems and global governance**

#### **Changing places**

Contemporary urban environments

Population and the environment

Resource security

2 ½ hr exam worth 40%

### GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK INVESTIGATION and GEOGRAPHICAL SKILLS

3,000 – 4,000 words worth 20%

This course is studied over two years with a final A level examination in 2024

## Your teacher

Mrs Hepburn

Miss McComb

Ms Mellor