

Optional (

Exam board: AQA Course Code: 8035

Outline of course:

The world we live in is changing at an alarming rate. Geography encompasses a perfect blend of Physical and Human Geography. There are three units that you will study over the two years and you have already had an insight into some of these and the skills required to answer GCSE questions:

Unit 1- Living with the physical environment: In this unit we will study a dynamic nature of physical processes and systems, and human interaction with them in a variety of places. This includes studying; volcanoes, earthquakes, tropical rainforests, deserts and the amazing coasts and river landscapes of the UK.

Unit 2- Challenges in the human environment: The aims of this unit are to develop an understanding of the factors that produce a diverse variety of human environments; the dynamic development of Nigeria, Rio de Janeiro and the UK; the need for sustainable management; and the areas of current and future challenge and opportunity for these environments.

Unit 3- Geographical applications: This section can be broken down in to two components; issue evaluation and fieldwork. For issue evaluation a resource booklet is released 12 weeks prior to the exam, this contains information on a current issue around the world. Students then evaluate this issue and come to a judgement about this in the exam. For the fieldwork component we will visit a river and urban landscape around London and conduct fieldwork which will be assessed in the final exam.

Assessment:

You will complete three written papers at the end of Year 11:

Paper 1- Physical environments: The challenge of natural hazards, The living world (tropical rainforests and hot deserts), Physical landscapes in the UK (rivers and coasts) and Geographical skills. (35% of GCSE).

Paper 2- Human environments: Urban issues and challenges (London and Rio de Janeiro), Changing economic world (UK and Nigeria), Resource management and Geographical skills (35% of GCSE).

Paper 3- Geographical investigations: Issue evaluation, fieldwork enquiries and skills. (30% of GCSE).

Choose this subject if...

You would like to understand the world around you! Geography is at the forefront of all major world issues. The course will give you a chance to get to grips with some of the big questions which affect our world, such as climate change, world development, natural hazards and natural processes which shape our world. There has never been a more important time to study Geography! The Guardian newspaper found geographers to be the most employable graduates because of the range of skills and knowledge you develop. It is very practical, with opportunities to learn new skills such as map skills, interpreting photographs, fieldwork skills, presenting, role play and debating.

Who to contact for more information: Ms Hickman