WHY CHOOSE GCSE GEOGRAPHY B?

Geography is the study of places and the relationships between people and their environments. Geographers explore the physical properties of the earth’s surface and the human societies spread across it.

What could be more important for our future?

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Changing Places - Changing Economies
You will investigate changes in urban and rural areas and what this might mean in the future in both the UK and around the world. You will investigate issues about development and resources. How has globalisation shaped the world we live in? What are the consequences of uneven development on societies?

Changing Environments
You will learn about distinctive landscapes in the UK and how they were formed and may change over time. The coastline and rivers of the UK are an important part of our landscape and you will study why flooding occurs and how people try to manage this problem. You will learn about how natural environments are effected change due to human influence, weather events such as storms and climate change. What can we do to reduce the risk of climate change?

Environmental Challenges
Building on your learning of changing environments you will study the challenges faced in different ecosystems around the world. In hot semi-arid grasslands (think about the environment that you would go on safari in) you will investigate the challenges with access to water and more land turning to desert. How might challenging environments like this be managed sustainably in the future?

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FIELDWORK

As part of the GCSE you will have the opportunity to undertake two fieldwork enquiries in two contrasting locations. Fieldwork is a fundamental part of developing geographical understanding of the real world.

WHAT SKILLS WILL I DEVELOP?

- Geography is always in the news. You will develop skills to interpret, analyse and evaluate information to make decisions about the issues and problems that affect people and the environment.
- An ability to collect, process, analyse and understand qualitative and quantitative data and communicate it to a variety of audiences.
- Develop a reasoned argument and communicate it to a variety of audiences.
- Teamwork and leadership skills.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

There are three exams at the end of Year 11.

**Component 1** - assesses aspects from each of the three themes of study.

**Component 2** - will assess content from across all themes with opportunity to make a decision based on an issue presented in the paper.

**Component 3** - A fieldwork paper that will test your ability to apply fieldwork skills in different contexts.

CAREERS WITH GEOGRAPHY

The transferrable skills developed by studying geography are actively sought out by employers. There are a wealth of jobs that geographers can do spanning almost every sector! Most jobs have an element of Geography in them whether it be a doctor investigating the spread of a disease to an engineer designing products to cope with less demand for plastic (thanks Sir David Attenborough!).

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