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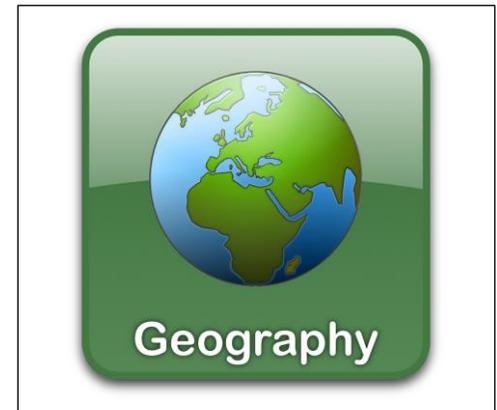
**Geography**

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### **General overview**

Students will travel the world from the classroom, exploring case studies in the United Kingdom (UK), newly emerging economies (NEEs) and lower income countries (LICs). Topics of study include climate change, poverty, deprivation, global shifts in economic power and the challenge of sustainable resource use. Students are also encouraged to understand their role in society, by considering different viewpoints, values and attitudes

Geography may appeal to you if you enjoy learning about people and their societies, economies, cultures and the environment. It helps to explain what is happening in the world, from climate change to globalisation and natural disasters. The skills you use in your geographical studies make you of potential interest to a wide range of employers.

**Learning to believe, Learning to succeed**

## Key Stage 3 overview

KS3 students (Year 7 and 8) study a varied curriculum which covers human and physical Geography as well as all of the skills required to continue the subject at GCSE. Literacy, Numeracy and ICT skills are incorporated into the topic areas studied – such as the Restless Earth, Rivers and Floods, and Globalisation. Students complete a wide variety of activities in class and for homework.

Students are assessed throughout the year using 9-1 levels (in conjunction with the new GCSE grading system). These assessments are varied in their nature, including essay writing; enquiry-based learning; speaking and listening assessments; and end of unit tests. All pupils sit an end-of-year examination to assess their overall knowledge and understanding from the year and help prepare them for the linear qualifications they will go on to take in KS4.

## Year 11 Overview

At GCSE, students in Year 11 study the AQA 'A' Geography syllabus. This consists of three components: two examinations, each worth 37.5% of the final grade, and a controlled assessment worth 25% of the final grade. Unit 1 covers three modules all linked to physical Geography and Unit 2 links to human Geography modules. In Unit 1 the modules studied are: Restless Earth, Living World and The Coastal Zone; while in Unit 2 the modules are Population, Changing Urban Environments and Globalisation. The controlled assessment is a written investigation students must complete after attending a field trip where they collect primary data.

Students in Year 9 and 10 study the new AQA Geography GCSE. As of 2015 students follow a 3-year KS4 programme which begins in Year 9. The new AQA GCSE qualification consists of three components, all of which are examined at the end of Year 11. Unit 1 and Unit 2 (Physical and Human Geography) are both worth 35%, and Unit 3 (Geographical Applications) is worth 30%. Unit 3 also incorporates assessment on fieldwork which is now a core component of GCSE Geography; hence students in Year 9 and 10 take part in two fieldwork sessions throughout their course. Students will visit a coastal location and also carry out a local area study linked to the urban environment.