

# GEOGRAPHY

## CURRICULUM 2020-21

### KEY STAGE 3

In Key Stage 3, students study a balanced mixture of physical and human geography.

- In Year 7, topics include 'Global Explorer' – an in depth look at two continents using geographical skills that are key to success in KS3 Geography, Geography Rocks, Resources and Energy and Rivers.
- In Year 8, topics include Urban Environments, Weather and Ecosystems.
- In Year 9 topics include Industry, Climate and Food Resources.

Each unit of work has a mid-unit assessment and an end of unit exam. Students' class work is marked frequently and they are taught how to improve it. Students will also sit an exam at the end of the year. Homework tasks are set in order to stretch the learning done in class.

Students may wish to investigate Geography further using the links on our webpage or they may investigate geographical events on the news.

### KEY STAGE 4

Key Stage 4 students will follow the specification for **GCSE AQA Geography**.

The course is an equal balance of human and physical geography. Over two years students will study natural hazards, urban areas, physical landscapes (rivers and coasts), global economic issues, ecosystems, and resources. Students will also conduct and enquiry based on fieldwork in the local area.

Students are tested during and after each unit of work, the questions for which are given by the exam board and are, therefore, in line with the expectations of their final exams. Students' class work is also marked and assessed regularly by the classroom teacher. Year 10 mocks take place in the summer and there is a full Year 11 mock in the winter term. The official qualification consists of three papers, two of which are 1 hour 30 minutes long, the third lasting 1 hour 15 minutes.

Students could watch the news and consider links to geographical themes. Additional resources can be found using the links on our website.