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**Course Title: Geography GCSE (Geography for Enquiring Minds)**

**Outline content:**

This course includes inspiring content throughout eight topic areas, which focus on both physical and human geography. Both the UK and the wider world are brought to life by engaging enquiry questions.

**Assessment including terminal examinations and controlled assessments:**

There are three assessed aspects which are all externally assessed (exams) with no controlled assessment:

- Our natural world (1 hour 15 minutes exam 35%)
- People and society (1 hour 15 minutes exam 35%)
- Geographical exploration (1 hour 30 minutes exam 30%)

Geographical skills are built into the assessments and there are marks awarded for spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPaG). There is also a decision making question where you are given a problem and you have to solve it.

**Content will include**

Coastal landscapes and other UK landscapes; population structure and changes; tectonic hazards; uneven development within the UK and in the wider world; advanced countries (AC), emerging and developing countries (EDC) and low-income developing countries (LIDC); ways of life in a major city in the UK and in an LIDC and EDC; tropical rainforest and polar ecosystems; climate change; extreme weather conditions leading to natural weather hazards; food security and political and cultural influence of the UK in the 21st century.

**Examples of learning activities (e.g. offsite visits; group learning; research; use of ICT etc.)**

There will be opportunities to learn offsite and outside of the classroom on the school site. There will also be opportunities to develop practical skills and research using GIS (Geographical Information Systems)

**Future progression (e.g. what courses might follow on in post-16 education)**

The course is a good stepping stone for progression into A'-levels including Geography, Biology, Psychology, and Sociology and a range of other post-16 studies. All colleges value Geography due to its importance to the world in which we live.

**Possible future careers that this course supports:**

Teaching, archaeology, careers in science especially biology, tourism, economics, environmental work and many other employment sectors. Geography is one of the most dynamic subjects available and is highly sought after by employers.

**Skills, personal qualities or commitments required to take this course:**

You will need to be a resilient and resourceful student who has a good work ethic and is keen to learn in a variety of contexts, both individually, in small groups and in larger groups. You will need to be reflective and be prepared to develop your study skills and exam skills to be able to tackle three examination papers successfully at the end of the course.



**Homework:**

Will be set on Class-charts regularly according to the homework timetable and there will be a focus on independent research and learning to support understanding of the 'case studies' that you must know.

**Any other information:**

For any further details, please see Mr Bellingall.