WBS – GCSE PREFERENCE INFORMATION 2026 - 2028

GCSE: GEOGRAPHY

Examining Board: AQA

Subject Leader: Mrs Brooks

Teachers: Mr Thursz & Mrs Brooks

Course Overview:

In a world where sustainability is becoming increasingly important Geographers are amongst the most employable of graduates.

The course consists of three parts:

Physical Geography covers areas such as natural hazards including tectonic hazards, weather hazards and climate change. The Living world looking at ecosystems including rainforests and deserts. Physical landscapes of the UK looking at rivers and flooding and glaciers.

Human Geography covers areas such as urban issues and challenges including the opportunities and challenges presented in cities in LICs and NEEs compared with HIC and sustainability in cities. The Changing Economic World looks at development and the Changing economies of LICs and NEEs and HIS. Resources Management looks at food, water and energy in the UK and the issues of global food.

Geographical Applications looks at evaluating a contemporary geographical issue and making sustainable choices for the future. Pupils are provided with an information booklet to study 12 weeks prior to the exam for this section. It will also look at fieldwork skills through unseen fieldwork decision making and an examination of the findings of the two compulsory fieldwork trips undertaken during the course.

Throughout each section pupils will develop literacy, numeracy, cartographical, analytical and evaluative skills.

Geographers are well placed to travel to world and move into a wide variety of work places and are amongst the most employable graduates. Careers can include sustainability consultants, geophysicists, international aid and development workers, ecologists, emergency planning and management officers and meteorologists to name but a few.

There are 3 examined papers in Geography

Paper 1 Physical Geography 90mins

Hazards, Living World, Physical Landscapes

Paper 2 Human Geography 90min

Urban Issues and Challenges, Changing Economic World, Resource Management

Paper 3 Geographical Applications 90min

Issue Evaluation, Unseen Fieldwork, Fieldwork