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## Course highlights:

Geography is a diverse subject that keeps students' future career options open. Geography promotes an interest in the world around us; it is about people and places, local and global issues as well as current events that you see on the news. Geography fosters a range of skills that are an asset in any job. Students will investigate interesting questions such as:

- Why are some parts of the world and UK at risk of flooding?
- How can we manage hazard risk?
- What impact will climate change have on our world?

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## Learning styles used:

Lessons are varied and interesting. Many approaches to learning are used including map work, use of DVDs, role play, discussion, fieldwork and internet research. Geography helps students gain vital skills such as decision making, delivering presentations, interpretation, data collection and analysis. All of these skills are essential for further education and a huge range of careers.

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## How is it assessed?

We will follow the AQA specification.

The course is assessed by three examinations, all at the end of the course.

- **Unit 1:** Living with the Physical Environment (exam)
- **Unit 2:** Challenges in the Human Environment (exam)
- **Unit 3:** Issue evaluation and fieldwork skills (exam)

There are no tiers of entry; questions will range from multiple choice to extended answers.

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## Other Information:

Geography can take you places.

Learning outside the classroom is a vital part of Geography and for GCSE Geography and there are two field visits as part of the course, one to an urban environment and the other to a rural environment. This gives students a chance to see 'Geography in action'.

### Geography gets the royal seal of approval!

Prince William completed a degree in Geography.

### Big Business!

The CEO of Mind Candy (Moshi Monsters) is a Geography graduate.

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## Sixth form pathways & careers available from this course:

Geography GCSE leads into Geography 'A' Level post 16. This subject opens up a wealth of opportunities; whether you wish to work in business, finance, planning, journalism, tourism, leisure, and environment, the Armed Forces or even teaching (& not just Geography!) The wide range of skills and up to date knowledge acquired in this subject are highly valued by employers in any profession. It is also a good subject for those who do not yet know what they want to do for a career.

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## Course combinations:

Physical Geography, in particular, complements many areas covered in GCSE Science. Human Geography links well with aspects of History, Philosophy & Ethics and Business Studies.

Please see **Mrs Easton (G3)** to discuss this course.