

## **GEOGRAPHY - Option**

**Examination Board:** Edexcel Syllabus B



### ***The Course:***

Geography is a very wide ranging subject which covers a lot of different topics areas and looks at a range of places and issues around the World.

There are six main topics:

- **Providing for population change – Population dynamics and Resources**
- **Planning for change – Settlement and Employment**
- **Coping with environmental change – Coasts and Hazards**
- **Weather and Climate**
- **Recreation and Tourism**

In all topics there is an emphasis on the links between humans and the physical environment. There is a strong focus on the ideas of sustainability, environmental responsibility and decision making.

Students will use a wide variety of skills and techniques including ICT, Ordnance Survey maps, graphical, mapping and enquiry skills. These skills are useful in other subjects and for further education/employment.

Fieldwork is an important part of the course, with an optional residential fieldtrip to Norfolk in Year 11 which looks at pressures of tourism on the natural environment and coastal landforms or a day trip to investigate the issues of recreation and conservation.

### ***Assessment:***

There are two tiers in Geography:

**Foundation (grades C – G)**

**Higher (grades A – D)**

### ***Examinations:***

**Decision Making Paper (25%)**

**Written Paper (50%)**

Exams mainly contain short answer questions, with some longer case study questions at the end (there are no essays in the exam).

### ***Coursework:***

Consists of one project which is worth 25%. The study is based on local or residential fieldwork which will be carried out in September Year 11.

**For further information please contact Miss S Hosegood**