

# Geography

**The purpose of Geography is to develop your understanding of our changing world and its human and physical processes. Opportunities for practical activities, including fieldwork, will be encouraged so that you can interact with your environment and learn using relevant, real-life examples. Geography draws on both social and natural sciences with contexts for study which are local, national and international.**

## **What are the aims of this course?**

Do you want to find out about our small planet and the problems facing us in the next 50 years? Want to learn about some solutions to problems such as congested cities, environmental disasters, global warming and poverty?

You could start by studying Geography.

## **What will I be learning about in this course?**

S3 Geography involves topics covering physical, human and geographical issues. Topics include – Oceans, Fast Fashion, Rivers, Factfulness, Coasts and Land Use Conflict.

## **What skills will I develop?**

You will develop a number of essential skills that are specific to Geography as well as some that are transferable to other subjects. Skills developed include observing, describing and recording; comparing and contrasting to draw valid conclusions; development of problem-solving skills; developing critical thinking through accessing, analysing and using information from a wide variety of sources; using maps in a variety of contexts; and applying skills in interpreting and displaying graphical information.

Learners will also develop skills necessary for learning, life and work by improving their communication, team-working and presentation skills.

## **What learning and teaching approaches will I experience**

Learning will involve a variety of classroom activities such as cooperative learning, active learning and the use of thinking skills. Visiting speakers will enhance learning as will the many opportunities for fieldwork, practical work and outside visits.

## **How will I be assessed?**

Assessment will focus on knowledge and understanding of key concepts, planning and carrying out independent and group research as well as presenting and evaluating findings.

These will be monitored through the use of class tests, extended and creative writing, written reports and class presentations.

## **What are the homework requirements?**

Homework plays an important part in regular revision of key words and ideas, reinforcement of class work, independent research and writing-up fieldwork reports.

## **What might this course lead to in the future?**

This course will lead learners into National Geography, Environmental Science and skills for work courses such as Travel and Tourism.