

# Geography

*Making the Grade. Learn the pathway to academic success.*

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**Curriculum Area: Humanities**

## **Overview of Year 9:**

- In Year 9, GCSE geographers will build upon the foundations laid in Key Stage 3 geography. The programme of study has been designed to enhance students' knowledge as well as exposing students to new geographical concepts and events
- Lessons will include recall activities to enhance knowledge retrieval, in addition to regular summative and formative assessment throughout the year. Geographical skills including map skills, data handling and manipulation, will be modelled and taught to students throughout the year.

## **Unit 1: Physical Environment**

### **Section A – The Challenge of Natural Hazards**

Natural Hazards  
Tectonic Hazards  
Weather Hazards  
Climate Change

### **Section B – The Living World**

Ecosystems  
Tropical Rainforests  
Cold Environments

## **How can families contribute to success on this course?**

- Ensure your child attends all lessons; when students are absent, it's essential that they take the responsibility to see their teacher directly and catch up on any missed work. Families must play an active role in checking that this is happening.
- Families are encouraged to monitor homework as it's posted to Show My Homework and oversee the quality of homework completion as well as reminding their child about upcoming deadlines.
- GCSE geography students must spend at least 20-30 minutes per week engaging in self testing and knowledge retrieval through flashcards, knowledge organisers, mind maps, revision clocks etc. Families can support by helping their child to schedule their evening and weekend time to build in their retrieval practice.
- 'Retrieval practice from day one, means revision is done.' (Dawn Cox) It's so important that students regularly engage in quick and effective self-testing in order to support their confidence in the course and ultimately help you to achieve success.
- Wider reading that could take place at home, it's always important to keep an eye on events in the news that are related to geographical issues that we cover in lessons

## **Resources for success:**

Textbook: GCSE Geography AQA (2016), Ross et al, OUP, ISBN:978-0-19-836661-4

Cool Geography website - <http://www.coolgeography.co.uk/GCSE/AQA%20GCSE.htm>

*A website created by a geography teacher covering all of our topics with text & video content covering key topics & case studies. This website can be used to support knowledge retrieval and self testing at home. It's also a really helpful resource to use if you're absent or finding a particular topic difficult.*

**GCSE Bitesize** - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/geography/>

*Lots of good information with diagrams and videos as well as tests to check progress.*

### **Specification Information:**

- AQA
- GCSE Geography (8035)