

<b>Subject: Geography</b>		
<b>Examination Board: AQA</b>		<b>Specification code: 7037</b>
<b>Unit</b>	<b>Weighting</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Physical Geography</b> (2 hours 30 mins written paper)	40%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Water and Carbon Cycles</b> – A study of these fundamental components of the natural environment will enable you to assess the ways in which human activities are having an impact on their natural balance. Hydrology and Climate Change are key concepts and link the systems intrinsically.</li> <li>• <b>Coastal Environments</b> – With current sea level rise of 2mm per year and 50% of the world’s population living within 50 kilometres of the coast, the study of coastal processes, landforms and their management is an increasingly important issue in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and links physical concepts to human issues.</li> <li>• <b>Hazards</b> – Volcanoes, earthquakes and storms and their management are also key issues in an increasing populous world. Case-studies of recent hazard events will be used to assess human resilience to living in hazardous environments.</li> </ul>
<b>Human Geography</b> (2 hours 30 mins written paper)	40%	<p><b>Global systems and Governance</b> – With developments in transport and telecommunications the world is becoming more interconnected and globalised. Trade, resources and environments need to be managed through global agreements. Antarctica is a key case-study to show how ‘global commons’ need careful management. A very contemporary and relevant unit complementing a host of subjects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Changing Places</b> – How do we perceive places? What makes one place different to another? Using a range of techniques, you will learn about the development of the character of contrasting places.</li> <li>• <b>Population and the Environment</b> – The human population is likely to exceed 9 billion by 2050 and this topic will investigate the relationships between population, economic development and the environment.</li> </ul>
<b>Geographical Investigation</b> (3000 – 4000 words non-examined report)	20%	<p><b>Geographical Investigation – Individual Study:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The completion of an individual investigation relating to a question or issue defined and developed by the student relating to any part of the specification content. There is a requirement for this to contain a minimum of 4 days of fieldwork. The completed report will be between 3000 – 4000 words and will be marked by your teachers and moderated by the exam board.</li> </ul>
<p><b>What students can expect of the course:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The course builds directly upon the style and content of the course encountered at GCSE.</li> <li>• A Level Geography can be accepted as a science or an arts subject at universities.</li> <li>• Fieldwork is a compulsory part of the A Level Geography course and the minimum requirement is for students to have undertaken 4 days of fieldwork investigation.</li> <li>• Relevant and useful skills developed throughout the course are transferrable and helpful in a number of careers including urban planning, environmental, water resource and transport management and many IT roles requiring an understanding of GIS patterns.</li> <li>• Geography is one of the ten facilitating subjects that are helpful to gain entry into a Russell Group University.</li> <li>• Students will be able to explore issues and case studies through independent reading and develop a real interest for the subject and the world around them.</li> <li>• Opportunities to partake in enriching and exciting field trips, such as the previous trip to Iceland.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Anticipated Qualifications:</b></p> <p>We recommend students have achieved a Grade 6 in Geography to be successful at A Level. Students who have not studied GCSE Geography could take this course, but should seek advice from the Head of Department before doing so.</p> <p>To find out more information you may wish to access the following:  <a href="http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/as-and-a-level/geography-7037">http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/as-and-a-level/geography-7037</a></p>		