



## WHAT WE AIM TO ACHIEVE

You will learn how we, as humans, interact with others and the world around us. You will deepen your understanding of geographical processes, study the impact of change and of complex people-environment interactions, as well as developing key investigational skills which will prove essential in your lives post Westbourne. You will study the natural and synthetic processes that shape our world from rivers and coastlines to migration and drought. You will need to understand and show in depth thinking of how our world is changing and evolving, what we are doing to damage our planet and how we can resolve the issues facing it today.

## COURSE OUTLINE

You will be studying the Eduqas B course. The three main areas you will learn about are:

- Theme 1 - Changing Places/Changing Economies: A comparison of global cities, how places are changing and the issue of world development.
- Theme 2 - Changing Environments: Looking at coasts and coastal management, rivers and river management, weather and climate, and climate change.
- Theme 3 - Environmental Challenges: Studying how ecosystems function, how they are being damaged and managed, variation and management of water resources and desertification.

Throughout each theme you will learn key skills that include:

- Analytical and problem solving skills.
- Developing the ability to think in depth about issues.
- Map and photograph analysis.
- How to explain and justify viewpoints.
- The ability to make connections and argue a number of different points - useful in the business world.

## HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Geography is a two year GCSE course in which you will study three main units. There will also be the opportunity for trips to explore the world around us and investigate some of the issues. You will complete three Geography exams at the end of the two years.

- Paper 1 - (40% of grade) assesses each of the topics that you will have studied on the course.
- Paper 2 - (30% of grade) is a problem solving paper in three parts assessing the content from across the three themes described in Paper 1.
- Paper 3 - (30% of grade) is an applied fieldwork enquiry which includes approaches to fieldwork methods and investigative techniques.

## WHAT SKILLS DO I NEED?

Geography is a challenging subject at GCSE and key skills needed for this include the ability to not only answer questions, but to ask them as well. You must be able to use initiative and work effectively, both individually and with others. You must have an interest in the world around you and the changes taking place that affect us and our global home. You will need to be able to write answers in detail and use evidence to show your understanding. These skills can be developed in Geography and be extremely useful in your future career.