

Optional: Geography (AQA 8305)

We have elected to follow the AQA Geography (8305) specification as it is based on a balanced framework of physical and human geography. It allows students to investigate the link between the two themes, and approach and examine the battles between the man-made and natural worlds.

Students will travel the world from their classroom, exploring case studies in the United Kingdom (UK), higher income countries (HICs), newly emerging economies (NEEs) and lower income countries (LICs). Topics of study include climate change, poverty, deprivation, global shifts in economic power and the challenge of sustainable resource use. Students are also encouraged to understand their role in society, by considering different viewpoints, values and attitudes.

Students will undertake at least two geographical enquiries, each of which will include the use of primary data, collected as part of a fieldwork exercise. Fieldwork takes place outside the classroom and school grounds and the two enquiries are carried out in contrasting environments so pupils can show an understanding of both physical and human geography

Fieldwork ensures that students are given the opportunity to consolidate and extend their geographical understanding by relating learning to real experiences of the world.

Students who complete the course will have the skills and experience to progress onto A-level and beyond.