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| Course name: Geography |
| Which course/ syllabus will I be following? GCSE Geography AQA |
| Reason:  It has a good balance of human and physical geography and the topics covered are more dynamic and interesting. It also offers a lot of opportunity for our students to become more critical thinkers in our ever changing world. Examples of topics that studied are tectonics, urban issues and challenges, challenges of resource management, the changing economic world, coasts, rivers ecosystems and weather hazards |
| How is the course assessed?  The course is 100% exam based and includes 3 papers:  Unit 1: Living with the physical environment-1 ½ hour paper worth 35% of the GCSE  Unit 2: Challenges in the human environment-1 ½ hour paper worth 35% of the GCSE  Unit 3: Geographical application and skills-1 ¼ hour paper worth 30% of the GCSE  Throughout the two years the students are assessed termly using sample and past assessments from the exam board.  The students have to undertake two field work experiments with this specification – this is assessed within the paper in unit 3. |
| Which careers/ post 16 courses will this course help me to prepare for?  Geography is a broad subject which covers many aspects which are applicable to a number of career paths including areas such as cartography, GIS, town planning, conservation, environmental planning, teaching, development studies, working with the local authority, recycling and waste management and environmental consultancy.  Post 16 courses:  Links closely with elements of sociology, critical thinking, environmental science, environmental technology, business studies, economics, global development, government and politics, history and travel and tourism. |