**EXAMINING BOARD:** Edexcel

**TITLE:** GCSE Geography B

**ACCREDITATION:**

The award is offered for the full range of GCSE grades 1 – 9..

**NATURE OF THE SUBJECT:**

In this subject you will find out about:

1. A range of places in the UK, Europe and elsewhere in the world.
2. The ways in which natural processes have produced different landscapes.
3. How people interact with these landscapes and how people can act together to prevent the total destruction of their environment.
4. How people are affected by the actions and decision-making of others on a variety of scales.

**You will learn to investigate ideas, develop your own opinions and reach decisions using map skills, fieldwork research and ICT.**

**CONTENT:**

You will study the following topics in detail:

1. The processes and landforms associated with the movement of oceans.
2. The processes and landforms associated with earthquakes and volcanoes.
3. The study of the living world and climates.
4. Why differences exist between different countries of the world in terms of their population, living spaces and how people make a living.
5. The differences in development between countries.
6. Global cities.

**NATURE OF THE WORK:**

Throughout the lessons you will do a lot of writing, drawing and interpreting maps, graphs and diagrams. There will be opportunities to work on your own and in groups. You will learn how to make observations from visual or computer resources. You will also be given the opportunity to participate in debates. Some work will take place outside the classroom on local and national based fieldwork trips.

**ASSESSMENT:**

At the end of year 11 pupils will complete four external exams.

**POSSIBLE CAREERS:**

After successfully completing this course you could study AS Geography at college. Whether you go on to study Geography at college or not, the wide range of skills that you have learnt will be useful for a number of careers:

Planning, Civil service, surveying, travel agency, transport management, H.M Forces, tourist office worker, police force, teaching, personnel departments and market research. There are many more careers which are also linked to Geography.

**WHO IS SUITABLE FOR THIS COURSE:**

You will be successful and enjoy this course if you are interested in people and places and are concerned about environmental, social and economic issues. You must be open minded and be able to empathise with different opinion groups. You must also be able to write in detail in a coherent way. Thorough revision is necessary for you to be successful.

**FURTHER INFORMATION:**

Please see Mrs Noden (Head of Humanities).