

## GEOGRAPHY AT THE BOURNE ACADEMY

### Key Stage 3

The geography topics studied at Key Stage 3 hope to create a curiosity and fascination about the world and its people. Geography lessons will equip pupils with knowledge about diverse places, people, resources and natural and human environments, together with a deep understanding of the Earth's key physical and human processes. Students will develop their geographical knowledge, understanding and skills that provide a framework to explain how the Earth's features at different scales are shaped, interconnected and change over time.

From Year 7, our students are taught basic geographical skills and knowledge in each topic, which are expanded and developed throughout Year 8 for GCSE's in Key Stage 4. Topics that are covered include; map skills, tectonic hazards, rainforests, coasts, globalisation and rivers.

### Key Stage 4

The main focus for studies in Key Stage 4 is that of preparing the students to take their GCSE exams. Geography GCSE is assessed through three examinations at the end of year 11. There is no coursework or controlled assessments but students will undertake two fieldtrips as part of their studies.

<b>PAPER 1 - Living with the physical environment</b> <b>88 marks</b> <b>35% of your final mark</b> <b>1 hour 30 minutes</b>		
<b>Section A: The challenge of natural hazards - answer all questions in this section</b>	<b>Section B: The living world – answer all questions in this section</b>	<b>Section C: Physical landscapes in the UK – do not answer the 'glacial landscapes' section</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Earthquakes and volcanoes</li> <li>• Tropical storms</li> <li>• Climate change</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ecosystems</li> <li>• Tropical rainforests</li> <li>• Hot deserts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coastal landscapes</li> <li>• River landscapes</li> </ul>

<b>PAPER 2 - Challenges in the human environment</b> <b>88 marks</b> <b>35% of your final mark</b> <b>1 hour 30 minutes</b>		
<b>Section A: Urban issues and challenges - answer all questions in this section</b>	<b>Section B: The changing economic world - answer all questions in this section</b>	<b>Section C: The challenge of resource management – do not answer the 'food' or 'water' questions in this section</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urban growth and regeneration</li> <li>• Sustainable cities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economic development – global variations and the UK economy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The challenge of resource management</li> <li>• Food management</li> </ul>

<b>Paper 3 – Geographical applications</b> <b>76 marks</b> <b>30% of your final mark</b> <b>1 hour 15 minutes</b>
<b>Section A:</b> Issue evaluation based on pre released resources available 12 weeks before the exam – you will be required to use the information to make a decision about a geographical issue and explain your reasons why.
<b>Section B:</b> Fieldwork – you will undertake two fieldtrips as part of your GCSE geography course and will answer questions in the exam based on the outcomes of these trips.

## **Where Can Geography Lead You?**

The study of geography can lead you to a variety of paths in further education as well as various job opportunities. Job areas, and degree options, which involve geographic knowledge, include: earth & the environment; landscape architecture; travel consultancy; geology; meteorology; nature conservation; forestry; town and housing planning; waste management; hydrography; oceanography and many more.

Whether studying for, or working within the geography industry you can be sure that it can give you opportunities to see the world and make a difference!

Please email [amber.austin@thebourneacademy.com](mailto:amber.austin@thebourneacademy.com) if you have any questions about the curriculum or about your child's progress during the year.

