



KIRKHAM
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

GEOGRAPHY

Examination Board: AQA

Course:

The GCSE Geography course sees pupils looking at the physical environment around them as well as how the human environment is dynamic and creates specific management issues. Topics such as natural hazards, physical landscapes, urban issues and resource management are studied. There is a strong emphasis on the importance of the geography of the UK, and knowledge of place. There is a fieldwork element to the course, which is examined in a written paper, as well as an issue evaluation. Topics that are studied such as volcanoes, earthquakes, rivers, weather, urban management and resources are relevant to the modern world that we live in, and will prepare pupils for further studies.

Assessment:

The course is based on the model of having two examinations, with a Physical Geography and Human Geography themed split, as well as a third examination looking at an issue evaluation task as well as a candidate's fieldwork experiences. There is an assessment of spelling and grammar as well as mathematics and statistical skills.

Extra-Curricular:

The Geography course is suited to a wide variety of pupils as it provides a link between The Arts and The Sciences. A thorough course, it provides a good preparation for a variety of A-level courses and careers. The course will be enjoyed by anyone wishing to know more about the world around them, and their place in it. Recent fieldwork locations include The West Coast of the USA, The Bay of Naples, Iceland and the Trough of Bowland. All pupils are given the opportunity to conduct fieldwork. The department also runs trips to local lectures organised through the Geographical Association and Lancaster University.