



# SUBJECT CURRICULUM INTENT

**Ready. Respect. Safe.**

## Key stage 3, Years 7, 8 and 9

Our KS3 Geography curriculum helps students make sense of the world by exploring the relationships between people, places, and environments. We want students to develop a strong understanding of physical, human and environmental geography, from landscapes and ecosystems to globalisation, population, and development. Students investigate world issues such as climate change, resource use, and natural hazards.

We aim to build students' geographical skills, including mapwork, data interpretation, fieldwork, and decision-making. Students learn to appreciate the diversity of cultures and environments across the globe and to recognise their own role as global citizens. By the end of KS3, our intent is for students to think critically about the world, understand how it is changing, feel empowered to contribute to a sustainable future, and enthusiastic to continue to further study in geography.

## Key stage 4, Years 10 and 11

Our KS4 Geography curriculum is designed to prepare students for success in Geography GCSE using the AQA exam board. Building on strong foundations from KS3, students will learn to apply the core concepts in geography and will develop an understanding of both physical and human geography, considering the effects of human interaction with the Earth and the impact, opportunities and challenges of human environments. Students will also learn the disciplinary knowledge of geography as another way to interact with the world.

As well as leaving KS4 with a strong qualification in GCSE Geography, our intent is that this curriculum sets students up with the skills that will allow them to pursue a future in many related careers.

**Ready** Our Geography curriculum helps students become ready for the future by developing their understanding of physical, human and environmental geography, alongside key skills such as mapwork, fieldwork, data analysis and decision-making. Students learn to think critically about global issues, understand a changing world and build the knowledge needed for success at GCSE and beyond.

**Respectful** Our Geography curriculum encourages students to be respectful by exploring the diversity of people, cultures and environments across the world. Through studying different places and perspectives, students develop empathy, appreciation of global citizenship and an understanding of how human actions affect others and the environment.

**Safe** Our Geography curriculum supports students to be safe by helping them understand natural hazards, climate change, resource management and sustainable development. Students learn how geographical knowledge can be used to make informed decisions, reduce risks and contribute positively to a more sustainable future.