

# GEOGRAPHY

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Pupil year: L5 - U5 (Yr 10-11)

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The syllabus continues to build on the geographical knowledge, skills and understanding acquired during Key Stages 2 and 3.

It develops:

- an understanding of both physical processes and human actions in relation to the development of landscapes and human environments, e.g. how river features develop and how man's interference can cause floods.
- a wide range of skills in using maps of various kinds and scales, graphs, photographs, diagrams, collection of fieldwork data and making reasoned judgements on geographical issues. ICT skills are also developed including research of case studies using the internet. Coursework can be researched, and must be presented, using ICT skills.

The main areas of study, which are tested in the two written papers, are three from:

- a. Tectonic activities (volcanoes and earthquakes), coasts, rocks and landscapes, rivers, and ecosystems.
- b. Global population issues, changing urban and rural environments, tourism and development issues, and globalisation.

Fieldwork skills acquired are then used for the girls' own coursework which makes up 25% of the final examination mark.