

### **Curriculum Statement of Intent- Geography**

The curriculum is much more than just lessons. It includes the ethos, attitudes and relationships which create the high quality life in all of our schools. Our aim is to provide a broad, balanced and rigorous curriculum that meets the needs and aspirations of every young person and leaves them well prepared for their future.

The Geography curriculum is planned to ensure that students 'have an awareness and appreciation of the human and physical world. To inspire a sense of awe and wonder and instil a tolerance and appreciation of diverse places, people, and resources. In order to become an active participant in the future of our planet'.

The curriculum intends:

1. To enable students to experience a breadth of Geographical knowledge and concepts to ensure that those who do not choose to follow the course to GCSE are still able to meet out set criteria to be an excellent geographer.
2. To provide our young people with an agreed core of knowledge which will create a solid foundation of both of knowledge and skills to enable all students to succeed at GCSE as well as providing links with both other subjects and the wider world.
3. To explore and engage with a wide range of concepts and ideas which not only enable students to understand their own part of the world but also take students beyond their immediate locality. The curriculum will provide students with an opportunity to both develop their own thinking and challenge them to empathise with issues and debates from further afield.
4. To equip students with an array of both geographical and problem solving skills and an analytical frame of mind. At the end of each year students will complete a decision making activity which involves acquisition of new knowledge as well as correctly applying previous content in order to make an informed judgement in a range of situations.
5. Through all of this, to cultivate a love of subject that propels students towards a future interest in our planet, even if this does not necessarily mean taking the subject at GCSE.