

Frequently Asked Questions: Geography

- **Why is Geography important?** Geography is a relevant, hands on subject that helps you to make sense of the world around you
- **Do I have to study Geography?** At KS3 (Y7 & Y8) everyone will study geography. However, in Y9 you will choose either Geography or History and continue it until the end of Y11.
- **What Topics do you cover?**
 - In Year 7: Map skills, physical and human landscapes of the UK, ecosystems, urban changes in the UK & a geographical enquiry on a population issue in Shear Brow ward.
 - In year 8: Our unequal world, Tectonic hazards, weather hazards, river processes and a geographical enquiry on a flood event in the UK
 - Year 9: AQA GCSE Paper 2: Challenges in the human environment. Urban issues and challenges. The changing economic world. The challenge of resource management
 - Year 10: AQA GCSE Paper 1: Living with the physical environment: the challenge of natural hazards. The living world. Physical landscapes in the UK.
 - Y11: AQA GCSE paper 3: Geographical applications. Issues and evaluation. Fieldwork analysis.
- **How many Geography lessons do you have per week?** Key Stage 3 students have geography lessons once a week. In year 9 & 10 you will have two lessons a week and in Y11 you will have 3 lessons a week.
- **Do we go on any trips?** In Year 7 there is trip to Castleshaw in the Peak District to do orienteering. Y9 a field trip to Salford quays to investigate regeneration. Y10 field trip t Clapham beck to investigate river processes.
- **When do you sit the exam?** GCSE geography at TIGHS is a three-year course. This means students will sit the exam at the end of Year 11.
- **Will I receive any support with my learning:** Teachers will monitor your progress/support you in lesson through Q&A, classwork and homework will be checked. The school offers a homework club for those struggling with homework. You can approach your teacher at any break/lunch time or even after school in their classroom or faculty office. Your teacher will suggest possible online sites/textbooks to support you. In Y11 you will receive after school sessions to help you raise your knowledge and understanding. Master class sessions to help you raise your grade and Peer mentoring opportunities to develop your revision & exam skills.
- **Which exam board do you use?** AQA.
- **Are there any enrichment opportunities?** At KS3 the humanities faculty will run the Social enterprise club where you can get involved in environmental and charity campaigns throughout the year.
- **How well do our students perform in RS?**

GCSE RESULTS	% Grade 9-5	% Grade 9-7
2019	68%	40%
2020 (Teacher Prediction)	75%	52%

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- **What do our students do after studying Geography?** Many of our students move on to studying A Level subjects that geography compliments such as Biology at our sixth form. Others have gone on to study geography at AS level in other colleges. Geography can help you to enter many career fields such as town planning, environmental law & environmental science.

