

## Geography Curriculum Vision:

### **Why should students learn your subject?**

Geography is a subject that allows a student to study some of the major issues facing the planet today. Anytime you switch on the news or open a newspaper there is generally something that is related to geography, whether it is a natural disaster somewhere or the movement of people around the planet. The job of a geographer is to understand the range of causes and impacts to these events and then come up with possible solutions. Alongside this, geography enables a student to be proficient in a range of skills such as statistical, graphical, writing, map work, and mathematical understanding.

The world is constantly changing and it needs geographers to understand and manage this change.

### **What is the core knowledge in your subject that all students should understand?**

There are two main areas in geography – human and physical. Whilst the topics are often separate as students' progress through school they should begin to learn how these two topics interact.

Human topics – Changing places, tourism, the economic world, population, development, resource management

Physical topics – Weather and climate, ecosystems, coasts, rivers, glaciation, natural hazards, climate change

Fieldwork is also a key element of geography, students should understand how to collect data on a range of issues and then be able to present, analyse, interpret and evaluate this data.

### **What do students do with their knowledge to demonstrate their understanding?**

Students will demonstrate their knowledge through a range of activities such as presentations, posters, short response questions up to essay questions.

Students will also get the opportunity to go on fieldwork and demonstrate how to accurately collect data, this will then be followed up in school with a project to write this up.