Why study Geography?

According to Michael Palin, actor, writer and famous world traveller, geography is “a living, breathing subject, constantly adapting itself to change. It is dynamic and relevant”. He goes on to say, “For me, geography is a great adventure with a purpose. So many of the world’s current issues – at a global scale and locally – boil down to geography, and there is a need for geographers of the future to help us understand them”.

So you heard it loud and clear from a man who knows. The world needs you!

What will I study?

You will travel the world from the classroom, exploring issues in the United Kingdom, newly emerging economies and lower income countries, covering important themes such as climate change, poverty, deprivation, global shifts in economic power and the challenge of sustainable resource use. Specific topics in the syllabus include:

- Global hazards
- Distinctive landscapes
- Urban futures
- The UK in the 21st century
- Changing climate
- Sustaining ecosystems
- Dynamic development
- Resource reliance.

Overall you will be developing your geographical skills, which will include two separate days of fieldwork, and your general ability to understand, analyse and evaluate contemporary issues which affect us all.

How will Geography benefit me?

Quite simply, Geography will help you understand the world in which you live. As a result, you will:

- Develop a greater cultural and environmental awareness
- Gain knowledge and understanding of people and places and their interconnectedness
- Develop a sound general knowledge and awareness of current affairs
- Learn analysis, interpretation and evaluation skills that will be essential to success in later life.