



## AQA Geography (8035)

### What will you study?

#### **Living with the Physical Environment**

There are three distinct units in this section of the course. Firstly, students will study 'The Challenge of Natural Hazards', which focuses on earthquakes and volcanoes, as well as weather hazards and climate change. The second unit is 'The Living World', where students will study different ecosystems such as tropical rainforests and cold deserts. In the final unit, 'Physical Landscapes of the UK', students will learn about rivers and coasts and their importance to the UK.

#### **Challenges in the Human Environment**

There are three distinct units in this section of the course. Firstly, students will study 'Urban Issues and Challenges', which explores the causes and consequences of urban growth. In the second unit 'The Changing Economic World', students will consider international development and trade. In the final unit, 'The Challenge of Resource Management', students will consider issues such as food, water and waste management.

#### **Geographical Applications and Skills**

This unit is designed to be synoptic in that students will be required to draw together knowledge, understanding and skills from the full course of study. Students will apply their decision-making abilities in the 'Issue Evaluation' section. We will carry out coastal fieldwork at Southwold in addition to several mini-investigations to support the assessment of fieldwork skills, also assessed in this paper.

### How will you be assessed?

**Paper One: Living with the Physical Environment** – A written exam paper that is 1hr 30mins long and has 88 marks available based on the Physical Geography elements of the course. It is worth 35% of the total GCSE.

**Paper Two: Challenges in the Human Environment** – A written exam paper that is 1hr 30mins long and has 88 marks available based on the Human Geography elements of the course. It is worth 35% of the total GCSE.

**Paper Three: Geographical Applications** - A written exam paper that is 1hr 15mins long and has 76 marks available based on the fieldwork and pre- release exam material. It is worth 30% of the total GCSE.