THE WORTHGATE SCHOOL
CANTERBURY

COURSE DESCRIPTOR

IGCSE GEOGRAPHY

SUBJECT OVERVIEW

In an era marked by pressing global challenges such as climate change, migration, environmental degradation, and social cohesion, Geography stands out as an essential field of study. It offers critical insights into the complex interplay between human societies and the natural world, equipping students with the knowledge to understand and address these multifaceted issues.

Studying Geography cultivates a range of transferable skills, including analytical thinking, data interpretation, and effective communication. These competencies are highly valued across various professions, from environmental planning to international development, enhancing both personal growth and career prospects.

Engaging in coastal and urban fieldwork offers students invaluable hands-on experience, allowing them to observe and analyse real world geographical phenomena. On the coast, students can study dynamic processes such as erosion, sediment transport, and coastal management strategies, gaining insights into how natural forces shape the coast lines. In urban settings, fieldwork provides opportunities to examine land use patterns, environmental quality, and social dynamics within cities. These immersive experiences not only deepen understanding of theoretical concepts but also foster critical thinking, data collection, and analytical skills. Moreover, fieldwork encourages a sense of adventure and curiosity, making the study of Geography both educational and enjoyable.

PRIOR LEARNING REQUIRED

An interest in the natural and social environment.

EXAM BOARD

Edexcel IGCSE

COURSE CONTENT

Year 1	Year 2
Topic 1 – Economic Activity **Topic 2** – Hazardous Environments **Topic 3** – Coastal Environments & Coastal Fieldwork	**Topic 4** – Urban Environments & Urban Fieldwork **Topic 5** – Globalisation and Migration

ASSESSMENT

Formal internal assessments take place once every half term and homework is set on a regular basis.
Grades are determined by final examinations, which take place in May/June at the end of the 2-year course.
An end of year exam must be passed for entry to year 2 and a mock exam must be passed for entry into the public exams.

Paper	Length of paper	Weighting
1. Physical Geography	70 marks 1 hour 10 minutes written paper	40% of the qualification
2. Human Geography	105 marks 1 hour 45 minutes written paper	60% of the qualification

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TEXTBOOKS/REVISION GUIDES

Title	ISBN	Author
Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9-1) Geography	978-0435185442	Michael Witherick
Pearson Edexcel My Revision Notes	1398321729	Garrett Nagle

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