Why study this subject?
So many of the world’s current issues—at a global scale and locally—boil down to geography, and need the geographers of the future to help us understand them. Global warming, food and energy security, the degradation of land and soils, the spread of disease, migration, and the impacts of economic change on places and communities—these are just some of the challenges which geographers must help solve.

What happens in lessons?
You will learn in a wide variety of ways such as by using maps, GIS skills, data analysis, photos and videos. This will be undertaken in lessons, through fieldwork, and by yourself in independent study time both in the 6th Form as well as at home. You will be encouraged to read around the subject in relevant news articles and academic journals. You will be use this reading, and your study to frame your own questions using higher level thinking skills and showing your grasp of complex issues through report and essay writing.

Course Assessment
Physical Systems (22%):
Written paper—1 1/2 hours. The inter-relationships between the land, oceans and atmosphere, understanding the processes, characteristics and impacts of those landscapes.
Human interactions (22%):
Written paper—1 1/2 hours. Investigate the actions, interactions and spatial patterns of people around the world, looking specifically at Human Rights and Migration as well as the changing shape of the places around us.
Geographical debates (36%):
Written paper—2 1/2 hours. Exploring the most challenging and fascinating issues facing the 21st century.
Investigative geography (20%):
Coursework project on an area of geography of your choice.

What to do afterwards
Popular careers for people with geography qualifications include: town or transport planning, surveying, conservation, sustainability, waste and water management, environmental planning, tourism and weather forecasting. The army, police, government, research organisations, law and the business world also love the practical research skills that geographers develop. Geography can also be useful for jobs in charity and international relations as well as combining element of both arts and science subjects. Geography is a broad-based subject that really fits well for your future progression towards university and other career choices.

Reading around the subject
Newspaper, magazine and internet articles, TV and radio documentaries are a rich source of information about current issues.