

## Introduction to GCSE Geography (Avery Hill)

### Why study Geography?

Are you interested in the world all around you? Do you want to be able to make informed decisions about where to work, where to live and where to go on holiday? Are you concerned about the environment? Do you want to develop skills you will find useful long after you have left school? There has never been a better time to study Geography. It leads to a qualification which links to many other subjects and is highly valued by employers.

### You will study:

- \* Climate, the Environment and People, covering weather and climate, ecosystems and an issue of international concern;
- \* Water, Landforms and People, covering the hydrosphere, rivers and coasts;
- \* People and Place, covering inequalities in urban areas, changing the urban environment and urban-rural interaction;
- \* People, Work and Development, covering employment structures and patterns, development, trade and aid, economic activity, and economic activity and the environment.

### You will learn:

- \* Map skills;
- \* How to use ICT (Information and Communication Technology);
- \* How to collect and interpret data gained through fieldwork;
- \* How to make decisions and solve problems.

### Assessment:

There is a choice between two levels of entry: Foundation and Higher. At Foundation level (Papers 1 and 3) the grades available are G to C and at Higher level (Papers 2 and 4) the grades available are D to A\*.

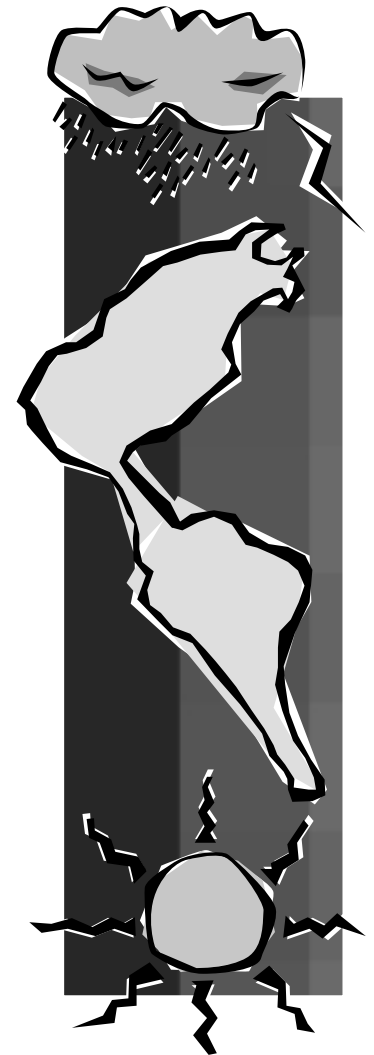
### Coursework

During the course, you will complete two pieces of coursework. The Study is a piece of extended investigative writing, exploring a hypothesis. This involves collecting information through fieldwork, and presenting and interpreting the evidence in order to reach conclusions about the hypothesis.

The second piece of coursework is a Cross-Unit Task. This is based around a research assignment, a problem-solving exercise or a decision-making exercise, arising from more than one unit.

### Examination

At the end of the course you will take two examination papers. Each lasts 1 hour 30 minutes. The first paper tests three of the units. The final part of each question requires knowledge of a case study. The second paper is a problem-solving paper based upon an issue derived from the other unit.



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