GCSE Geography at Nurture Education Trust

Curriculum Intent:

In Key Stage 4, students at Nurture Education Trust can choose GCSE Geography as an option subject. In Geography, we aim to develop students' curiosity and understanding of the world around them, exploring both physical and human environments. We encourage students to become independent learners and critical thinkers who can ask geographical questions, investigate real-world issues, interpret information and develop informed opinions about the world.

Lessons provide a safe, supportive and comfortable environment, with regular low-stakes quizzing, particularly through mini whiteboards, to promote recall, rehearsal and secure understanding without creating unnecessary anxiety.

Geographical knowledge, skills and written work are developed through clear modelling, scaffolding and guided practice. This helps pupils build confidence in using geographical terminology, interpreting maps and data, and developing well-supported explanations. Pupils are encouraged to stretch and challenge themselves while feeling supported to take risks, make mistakes and learn from them.

Given the needs of our pupils, including anxiety and SEMH, we avoid cold calling and use inclusive approaches that allow all students to participate confidently and successfully, developing their resilience and enjoyment of learning.

Qualification:

- *AQA Level 1/ Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in Geography (8035)*

Content:

Paper 1: Living with the Physical Environment
Explore earthquakes, volcanoes and extreme weather, investigate fascinating ecosystems such as rainforests and deserts, and learn how rivers and coastlines shape our world.

Paper 2: Challenges in the Human Environment
Explore how people live around the world. Discover how cities are changing, why some countries are richer than others and how we can manage vital resources such as food, water and energy for the future.

Paper 3: Geographical Applications
Investigate real-world issues, explore different viewpoints, take part in fieldwork and develop practical skills such as map reading, interpreting data and making informed decisions.

Assessment:

Three written exams in Year 11 (May-June):
Paper 1: Living with the physical environment (35%)
Paper 2: Challenges in the human environment (35%)
Paper 3: Geographical applications (30%)

Course Materials:
Students will be provided with all course, revision and (if applicable) catch up materials to support their learning.

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