



*Saint Joseph's*  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## Geography Department

### Welcome

Geography at St Joseph's is designed to equip pupils with a life-long understanding of the world around them, through activities and investigations. We aim to further develop our students into global citizens through the courses that they cover at KS3 and GCSE.

### Our aims are:

- To help pupils develop a knowledge and understanding of current events from the local area to the global.
- To investigate the earth and its peoples.
- To study the features of the earth - such as mountains, rivers and seas - and how they were formed.
- To develop a range of useful skills such as map reading, data collection, ICT and problem solving.
- To help pupils gain an understanding and appreciation of the cultures and backgrounds of people from all over the world.
- "Geography explains the past, illuminates the present and prepares us for the future."  
- Michael Palin

### Key Stage 3

KS3 Geography is a continuous course that builds on the development of students' skills and knowledge year on year so that by the time they finish KS3, pupils are confident young people that have an understanding of the world, how it has been formed, and current issues and developments. Students enjoy a range of topics, such as settlement development, the impact of weather, physical landscapes (coasts and rivers) and the formation and impacts of volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis.

### Key Stage 4

At GCSE, pupils follow the AQA Specification (8035), a course that is relevant and engaging. As part of the course, pupils also undertake fieldwork on physical and human geography, giving the opportunity to apply their knowledge to the world around them.

The GCSE further builds on the skills gained at KS3, as students investigate in greater depth topics which affect the world in which they live. Through studying modules on physical and human geography the students learn to better understand the complexities of the relationship between us and our planet.