



Carleton Community High School

A Specialist Science with Mathematics School



Year 10 Pathways

- Coursework:- All Coursework will be completed for PSD, COPE, Community Volunteering and Geography in lessons.
- Examinations: PSD (Personal Social Development) and COPE (Certificate of Personal Effectiveness) do not have examinations. Students will complete Portfolios during lesson time which are then assessed externally by a Moderator.

PSD and COPE are qualifications run by ASDAN. These are based on Life skills and cover a wide range of units. The way of working is to build a portfolio and requires students to do independent learning, internet use and a practical hands on approach wherever possible.

- Students will be studying GCSE Geography Foundation Level for the first time this year. This is a two year course which will be completed in the Summer term of 2016.

GCSE Geography

The course

Worth 1 GCSE the Geography course consists of 3 exams and 1 piece of controlled assessment. All exams are taken at the end of year 11 and the titles are:

1. Geographical skills and challenges for the planet
2. The Natural world
3. The Human world

Classwork

We have 8 lessons per topic in year 10. Students will do 7 taught lessons and a past paper question as an assessment at the end.

The textbooks we use are:

- Tomorrows Geography
- Edexcel GCSE 'Geography A Geographical Foundations'

Homework

Students will receive the equivalent of 1 homework per week from Geography. Homework's are based on a revision guide and revision workbook. The books we use are:

- Edexcel GCSE Geography A 'Revision workbook'
- Edexcel GCSE Geography A 'Revision guide'

Fieldtrips

There will be a number of trips throughout the course of your child's GCSE, the majority being in Year 10. The only trip that is compulsory will be the fieldwork trip for your child's controlled assessment. You will be notified of this in advance and cost will be kept to a minimum.

Equipment

All students should have basic equipment for writing and drawing. Any other equipment needed is provided by school eg: Overalls and Wellingtons are provided for Community Volunteering course.

Important Dates

All coursework will be completed as follows:-

- Community Volunteering — Christmas term in Year 11
- PSD - Christmas Year 11
- COPE - We are looking to Easter of Year 11 for completing this course
- GCSE Geography Summer term 2016. Controlled Assessment Autumn term 2015
- Homework — Set in various styles depending on the challenges. Homeworks could range from completing a questionnaire to researching issues on the computer