

## **GEOGRAPHY IS FOR YOU ....MOST DEFINITELY!**

### **What is Geography?**

*“Surely it’s boring, just learning placenames on maps?”*

*“Certainly not, it’s all about understanding our world where we live, work and enjoy ourselves.”*

*“My friends say that economics and history are more important when we have a choice.”*

*“Ah but Geography is unique as it helps us understand our very complicated world and all of the links between nature and people. No other subject does that!”*

*“I have heard geographers described as the ‘jacks of all trades and the masters of none.’”*

*That’s right, and it is vitally important because no other subject forces you to link lots of things together to get a better understanding of the issues facing all of the world’s peoples. Geography teaches you to connect issues and get a broader and more balanced perspective, whereas other subjects give you a narrow single view of the world.”*

*“But you cannot get a job other than doing something boring like teaching?”*

*“In fact, geographers work in business & finance, leisure & tourism, scientific advice, dealing with information of all sorts.....and many other options.”*

### **Why choose geography?**

It gives us a unique perspective on our world and helps us to address the key questions for our society:

- why most people live in cities and towns and how we can make their lives better?
- what effects will the changes in CO<sub>2</sub> and temperature on sea level and our coasts?
- will melting glaciers create water supply problems for China and India?
- can the growth in tourism continue without damaging historic places and unique nature?
- where are we going to get our energy supplies from in the future?

And it will give you a chance to see the world outside the classroom and get a better appreciation of what’s around you, how it was formed, what’s happening to it now and how it might change in the future. Not even Discovery Channel can do that!

### **What are you missing if you ignore geography?**

- You will see the world and its problems from a narrow point of view.

- You will not be able to make the connections between issues, such as the interaction of people and nature.
- You will play a much less important role in the future of the place where you live and the wider world.

### **What opportunities are open if I choose geography?**

Quite simply the world is your work place. You can:

- work in any part of the world: polar regions, tropics, temperate regions
- be a tourism development manager or guide anywhere
- be the leader of your community helping your neighbours to have a job and a better quality of life
- make sure that we use our natural resources to make our lives better and leave something for our kids.