**GEOGRAPHY NATIONAL 5**

**CONTENT**

Geography encourages learners to develop important attitudes including an open mind, respect for the values, beliefs and cultures of others and a sense of responsibility and global citizenship. It aims to develop learners understanding of our changing world and its human and physical process at a local, national and international level. Practical activities such as fieldwork are encouraged so that learners can interact with their environment. Topics will include:

**Physical Environments**

Limestone Landscapes; River Landscapes; Weather; Land Use types and conflict between them (eg recreation and tourism, renewable energy).

**Human Environments**

The differences between More and Less Developed Countries including Population, Cities and Shanty Towns and Rural Landscapes (including agriculture).

**Global Issues**

Two global issues will be studied. These are:

* Environmental Hazards – Earthquakes, Volcanoes and Tropical Storms
* Health – a look at a selection of world diseases including AIDS, Heart Disease and Malaria and strategies adopted to manage these.

Skills developed will include mapping, research, fieldwork and the extraction, interpretation and presentation of graphical information.

**ASSESSMENT**

* There is research based course assignment on a topic of your choice which will be written up in school time – 20% of the final grade
* There is a final exam set by the SQA which lasts 2 hours 20 minutes

**HOMEWORK**

Regular homework will be given. This may take the form of written tasks, ICT and research, further reading and revision.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

* National 4 Geography pass or National 4 pass in any other Humanities subject
* A genuine interest in Geography and the environment around you
* A willingness to work individually and as part of a group