

COURSE NAME: Geography GCSE

COURSE OUTLINE:

The Geography GCSE is split into three components, these address both U.K. and global issues.

The main areas are:

- Living with the physical environment - the main physical Geography areas of focus are volcanoes, earthquakes, weather and climate, hurricanes, flooding, coastal erosion and climate change. Students are asked to consider why these hazards occur and how countries can prepare for them.
- Challenges in the human environment and resource management - students will consider migration, employment, growth and sustainability.
- The third area of study is concerning environmental issues. Deforestation, biodiversity and impacts of energy creation being the major focus.
- Field Work - students must undertake two pieces of fieldwork; one area of study will be a large town and the other a coastal settlement. Fieldwork will take approximately 3 to 4 days depending on location.

EXAM BOARD: AQA

SYLLABUS: Geography 8035

ASSESSMENT: There are three exams. The first is connected to global studies, the second is based on the U.K. and the third is application of the information and skills acquired whilst undertaking fieldwork, considering man’s impact on the environment.

Exam Details	Percentage of GCSE weighting
Paper One - Living with the physical environment	35%
Paper Two - Living with the human environment	35%
Paper Three - Geographical Investigations, People and the Environment.	30%

Support from home

The following revision guide and textbook are connected directly to the syllabus, these can both help students when working at home:

Revision Guide – AQA Geography 9-1 – Oxford University Press

Textbook – GCSE Geography AQA ISBN 978-0-19-836661-4

POST 16 CHOICES: There are many areas of employment where Geography is required directly or will assist with entry. Travel and Tourism are the most obvious areas but there are many, for example, crime, social work, public services, social care, media, business, retail, legal profession, mining, energy and politics.

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