



GCSE Geography

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Why study GCSE Geography?

This exciting and challenging, fast paced course studies Geography in a balanced framework of physical and human issues and investigates the link between them. This is an excellent choice for any committed student planning on studying Geography Post-16.

What does the course involve?

Content is organised by studying UK and Global Geographical Issues, exploring UK and global case studies and named examples. We will develop students' geographical skills, detailed analyses, evaluation and decision making. Mathematical/statistical skills will frequently reinforce geographical skills developed. Topics include hazards, climate change, development, globalisation, urban challenges, rivers & coasts, migration and UK cities, biosphere and consumption of energy resources.

Unit: Global Geographical Issues

Hazardous Earth

Studies of tropical storms and tectonic hazards

Development Dynamics

A study of an emerging country

Challenges of an urbanising world

A study of a megacity in a developing or emerging country

Unit: UK Geographical Issues

The UK's evolving physical landscape

2 studies of coastal and river landscapes and issues

Fieldwork investigation: physical

The UK's evolving human landscape

Case study of a dynamic UK city

Fieldwork investigation: human

Unit: People and Environment Issues - Making Geographical Decisions

People and the biosphere

Forests under threat

Consuming energy resources

All three topics will form the basis of a decision-making exercise where students draw together understanding and skills from the whole course

How will I be assessed?

GCSE Geography is a linear qualification with all the examinations at the end of the course. All exams last 1 hour 30 minutes. Units 'Global Geographical Issues' and 'UK Geographical Issues' each equate to 37.5% of overall grade (94 marks (including marks for spelling, punctuation, grammar and specialist terminology (SPGST))), and the 'People and Environment Issues – Making Geographical Decisions' unit equates to 25% of overall grade (64 marks (including marks for SPGST)).

What are my progression routes?

GCSE Geography is an excellent and highly respected progression route to A Level and university, regardless of the subject you ultimately apply to study in future. This is because of the rigour of content and the analysis, evaluation and decision making involved. Geography is excellent preparation for the further study of Mathematics, the Sciences, Education, Law, Geography and a valued qualification for careers in environmental and public services, local government, education and management roles in a huge variety of industries.

Additional Information

There is a requirement, set by the examination board, that all GCSE Geography students must take part in 2 days of fieldwork, for which costs will be passed on to students' families.