

Geography



Exam Board	AQA
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Qualification	GCSE
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Aims and Objectives

Geography is a fantastic subject to study because it involves exploring the processes and patterns that shape our world. The study of Geography will help you to understand better why our world is the way that it is. Recent high-profile events such as the flooding of 2013-14, the Japanese tsunami of 2011, and the impacts of global warming show us how interconnected the world is and just how globalised many aspects of our world have become.

This course aims to:

- build on the skills gained in Year 9, with students expected to offer and discuss opinions, analyse data and gather information from many sources;
- encourage students to question and appreciate physical and human environments on local and global scales;
- encourage students to cultivate a greater understanding of the world we live in and to tackle the problems we face;
- broaden the range of skills that the students will need to succeed;
- stimulate students' interest in and understanding of other places at a global and local level.

Content (Outline of Course)

Unit 1: Physical Geography

The restless earth: the work of volcanoes and earthquakes

Water on the land: the work of rivers in creating distinct landscapes and flooding

The coastal zone: how the sea shapes our coastline

Unit 2: Human Geography

Population change: how the global population is changing and how migration is changing our planet

The development gap: the interrelationships between rich and poor nations

Tourism: the impacts and sustainability of this global industry

Unit 3: Controlled Assessment (Year 10)

At the end of Year 10 there will also be a fieldwork investigation which is marked out of 60 and has a maximum word guidance of 2,000 with a 6-hour write-up under direct supervision. This is worth 25% of the final mark.

Assessment

Units 1 and 2 are both assessed by examinations which each last 1 hour 30 minutes and are respectively worth 37.5% of the final mark.

Unit 3 is worth 25% of the final mark.

Careers Guidance

Geography is a very popular subject amongst employers of all kinds and is a rigorous GCSE. It develops communication, and analytical and practical skills, as well as an extensive knowledge of many of the issues facing our planet today. Geography is offered at AS/A2-Level in the Sixth Form and thus provides long-term progression. Careers in health, education, finance, retail, the media, business, the armed forces, environmentalism, industry, travel, commerce and the public sector have all been pursued by geographers.