

GEOGRAPHY

Type of Qualification: GCSE

How it is assessed: 100% Examination

Course Overview:

Geography GCSE is an exciting and interesting subject that can form part of a programme of study for the English Baccalaureate. Subject to timetabling restrictions, students can choose to study both Geography GCSE and History GCSE at Key Stage 4.

The study of Geography GCSE enables students to develop a knowledge and understanding of current events, investigate the earth and its populations, and study the features of the earth and how they were formed.

Students develop a range of useful skills throughout the course including map reading, data collection and analysis, ICT and problem solving skills – all of which are highly prized by employers. Mathematical skills also make up a significant part of the course.

The course includes:

Living with the physical environment (Unit 1 – exam 1hr 30mins)

- 3.1.1 Section A: The challenge of natural hazards
- 3.1.2 Section B: The living world
- 3.1.3 Section C: Physical landscapes in the UK

Challenges in the human environment (Unit 2 – exam 1hr 30 mins)

- 3.2.1 Section A: Urban issues and challenges
- 3.2.2 Section B: The changing economic world
- 3.2.3 Section C: The challenge of resource management

Geographical Applications (Unit 3 – exam 1hr 20 mins)

- 3.3.1 Section A: Issue evaluation
- 3.3.2 Section B: Fieldwork

Geographical Skills are covered within each of the units.

Students who succeed most in this course, not only work hard, but are self-motivated and interested about the world around them, for example, take an interest in the news and complete their own reading and research.

Post 16 and Career opportunities:

Geography is a very popular subject that can be studied at many local sixth form colleges. Many of our students go on to study it at A' level and beyond. Students go on to study both physical and human geography, environmental sciences or use it as a facilitating subject which are those subjects which are most commonly required or preferred by universities to get on to a range of degree courses.