

GCSE Geography

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This Geography GCSE course covers a broad range of physical and human Geography topics, as well as covering relevant geographical and mathematical skills. It takes an issues based approach to Geography in the modern world, organised by UK and global Geography. It is also relevant to students' lives with an insight into future challenges through the study of current issues of local, national and global importance, and their future management. By appreciating the significance of values and attitudes to the development and resolution of these issues, students are given useful preparation for understanding the world in which they are going to live and work. GCSE Geography follows the Edexcel B-course and is equivalent to 1 GCSE.

What is needed for this course?

- An interest in Geography and the real world

The course aims to:

- Develop critical and reflective thinkers with enquiring minds
- Develop knowledge and understanding of geographical concepts
- Develop an appreciation of their relevance to our changing world
- Learn to appreciate the importance of location of places and environments on a local and global scale
- Gain an understanding of the significance of values and attitudes to the development and resolution of issues
- Develop students' responsibility as global citizens and recognition of how they can contribute to a future that is sustainable and inclusive
- Apply learning to the real world through field work and other out of classroom learning using geographical skills, appropriate technologies, enquiry and analysis

Coursework and Examination:

- Component 1: Global Geographical Issues (1 hour 30 minute examination - worth 37.5%) these include: Hazardous Earth, Development Dynamics and Challenges of an urbanizing world.
- Component 2: UK Geographical Issues (1 hour 30 minute examination - worth 37.5%) - includes questions following two fieldwork studies. The topics include: The UK's evolving physical landscape, the UK's evolving human landscape and field work.
- Component 3: People and Environment Issues (1 hour 30 minute examination - worth 25%) includes: forests under threat, consuming energy resources and people and the biosphere.

Progression Pathways to further and higher education:

- Geography is one of the few subjects which helps to keep your options open by helping you to develop a range of transferable skills suitable for any career, as well as vocational studies and AS/A2 level.

Career Opportunities:

- For many jobs it is a real help if you have taken Geography - architecture, marketing and selling, travel and tourism and the Police Force, are among the many careers you can more effectively pursue. Combining Geography with other subjects can make your choices almost limitless, in areas such as banking, the civil service, law, and publishing.