

GEOGRAPHY GCSE

What are the key features?

This course explores our world in three different themes, each of which is shown in the table below. We explore how rich and poor countries manage hazards, development, population pressures and growing cities. We also look more locally at the UK physical and urban issues that will have a direct impact on the world around us and includes field work opportunities. The skills are then considered in Paper 3, which includes fieldwork and a pre-release document that feeds into application of skills onto a Geographical issue.

This course allows a good understanding of the inter-connectedness of the world, as well as developing excellent analytical skills.

Exam board: AQA

Paper 1: Living with the Physical Environment	Paper 2: Challenges in the Human Environment	Paper 3: Geographical Application
Challenges of natural hazards: tectonics, weather and climate change. The living world: rainforests and deserts. UK physical landscapes: rivers and coasts.	Urban issues and challenges: NEE and UK city case studies. The changing economic world: Development factors and a LIC case study. The challenge of resource management: food supply.	Pre-release: An information booklet about a geographical issue is released 3 months before the exam. Fieldwork: Physical and human fieldwork investigations are carried out.
1 hour 30 minutes written exam – 35% of GCSE (88 marks)	1 hour 30 minutes written exam – 35% of GCSE (88 marks)	1 hour 15 minutes written exam – 30% of GCSE (76 marks)

Please note that students have to undertake 2 pieces of fieldwork (this will either be on island or in England), which will be assessed in paper 3.

What particular skills are required to succeed?

- An interest in people and places.
- An open mind to explore and discuss the issues of the world we live in.
- Analytical skills for maps, graphs and statistical maths
- An aptitude for debate and discussion.
- An awareness of what is going on in the world around you.

Why study this course?

Whatever your passion for the world – a fascination with landscapes or curious about our place in this world - Geography will provide you with knowledge and transferable skills that will reward you personally and advance you in your studies.

If I have any questions which teacher do I ask?

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