



GCSE Geography

Introduction and course overview

This exciting and relevant course studies geography in a balanced framework of physical and human themes and investigates the link between them.

Students will travel the world from their classroom, exploring case studies in the United Kingdom (UK), higher income countries (HICs), newly emerging economies (NEEs) and lower income countries (LICs). Topics of study include climate change, poverty, deprivation, global shifts in economic power and the challenge of sustainable resource use. Students are also encouraged to understand their role in society, by considering different viewpoints, values and attitudes.

Aims of the course

This specification should encourage students to:

- Develop and extend their knowledge of locations, places, environments and processes, and of different scales including global; and of social, political and cultural contexts (know geographical material)
- Gain an understanding of the interactions between people and environments, change in places and processes over space and time, and the inter-relationship between geographical phenomena at different scales and in different contexts (think like a geographer)
- Develop and extend their competence in a range of skills including those used in fieldwork, in using maps and Geographic information systems (GIS) and in researching secondary evidence, including digital sources; and develop their competence in applying sound enquiry and investigative approaches to questions and hypotheses (study like a geographer)
- Apply geographical knowledge, understanding, skills and approaches appropriately and creatively to real world contexts, including fieldwork, and to contemporary situations and issues; and develop well-evidenced arguments drawing on their geographical knowledge and understanding (applying geography).



Method of assessment

The course is linear in nature and all pupils will be assessed by means of three terminal exams. These are;

Paper 1: Living with the physical environment - 1 hour 30 minutes with a total of 88 marks and contributes to 35% of the total course.

Paper 2: Challenges in the human environment 1 hour 30 minutes with a total of 88 marks and contributes to 35% of the total course.

Paper 3: Geographical applications - 1 hour 15 minutes with a total of 76 marks and contributes to 30% of the total course.

Useful resources and further information

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[AQA Geography GCSE Tutor4u channel on Youtube](#)

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/gcse/geography-8035>

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