

Geography GCSE

Geography is a contemporary subject which will help you to understand what is currently happening in the world, from the local to the global scales. The OCR B syllabus has a focus on environmental issues and sustainability. It develops and enhances a range of skills and techniques such as team work, decision making, mathematics and evaluative writing. Geographers are highly employable as these transferable skills can be applied to A-levels, Higher Education and Future Careers,

Aims of the Course

To enable you to:

- make sense of your physical and human surroundings;
- acquire knowledge and understanding of a range of places, environments and geographical patterns at a range of scales from local to global;
- develop a sense of place and an appreciation of the environment, as well as awareness of the ways in which people and environments interact, and the importance of sustainable development;
- develop an understanding of global citizenship;
- appreciate that the study of geography is dynamic;
- acquire and apply skills and techniques;
- develop intellectual and social skills needed to geographical study and enquiry.



Course content

There are a number of key themes within this specification:

- Global Hazards
- Changing Climate
- Distinctive Landscape
- Sustaining Ecosystems
- Urban Futures
- Dynamic Development
- UK in the 21st Century
- Resource Reliance

There are two days of fieldwork, these are to Birmingham (Spring Yr 10) and Edale (Summer Yr10).



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Teaching and Learning Methods

The course is assessed by 3 examinations in the Summer Term of Year 11. In order to prepare for this a variety of methods will be used in lesson, including independent and group work, knowledge retrieval quizzes and practising exam technique using past papers.

Homework will be set regularly to support classroom work. You will also be set tests and sample questions at intervals in the course to help you to learn and to assist teachers in assessing your performance.

It is a course requirement for all students to complete two days of fieldwork away from the school grounds. It will be expected that all students take part in these fieldwork activities

ASSESSMENT

Our Natural World 35% of total GCSE

Assesses global hazards, changing climate, distinctive landscape
Sustaining ecosystems, fieldwork and geographical skills. 70 marks. 1 hour 15 minutes. written paper.

People and Society 35% of total GCSE

Assesses urban futures, dynamic development, UK in the 21st Century, resource reliance, fieldwork and geographical skills. 70 marks. 1 hour 15 minutes. written paper.

Geographical Exploration 30% of total GCSE

Assesses geographical skills and includes a decision making exercise. 60 marks. 1 hour 30 minutes. Written paper.



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