

Geography

Subject: Geography

Examining Board: AQA

There are 3 exams in GCSE Geography

Unit 1: Living with the Physical Environment (35%) *90 minutes*

Unit 2: Challenges in the Human Environment (35%) *90 minutes*

Unit 3: Geographical Applications (30%) *75 minutes*

100% Examinations

The Course

The GCSE geography course enables students to develop their knowledge and understanding of human and physical geography and understand the dynamic world we live in. Examples will be taken from both the UK and other countries around the World. The course builds on some of the learning covered at Key Stage 3 but also introduces new topics for study.

If you choose this subject you will learn:

A range of respected and highly regarded skills wanted by colleges, universities and employers. Geography will allow you to understand and interpret the physical processes in the world around you and also begin to analyse the impact human activity has on these.

Unit 1: Living with the Physical Environment (35%)

Students will study physical processes and patterns. The main three topics include:

Section A- The challenge of natural hazards- tectonic hazards, tropical storms, extreme weather in the UK, climate change

Section B- The living world- ecosystems, tropical rainforests and cold environments

Section C- Physical landscapes in the UK- coastal and river landscapes

Unit 2: Challenges in the Human Environment (35%)

Section A – Urban issues and challenges including- urbanisation, and opportunities and challenges in cities.

Section B – The changing economic world including- variations in global development, and Economic futures in the UK.

Section C – The challenge of resource management including- the distribution and demand for food, water and energy.

Unit 3: Geographical Applications (35%)

Section A- Issue Evaluation

Students will complete a range of questions and a writing task based on pre-release material they will study in class. This will combine both physical and human Geography.

Section B- Fieldwork

Students will complete questions based on their fieldwork enquiry. Students will complete fieldwork to prepare them for this section of the Geographical Applications exam. There will be an emphasis on hypotheses choice, data collection methods, presentation of data, analysis/ interpretation of data and evaluating key data collection methods.