

Geography

GCSE

Examination Board: AQA

What will I study?

The course follows the AQA GCSE Geography specification. A summary of the content is as follows:

Unit 1: Living with the physical environment - This covers natural hazards, environments and physical landscapes in the UK.

Unit 2: Challenges in the human environment - This covers urban issues and challenges, the changing economic world and the challenge of resource management.

Unit 3: Geographical applications - This unit will cover the evaluation of a range of geographical issues, fieldwork in both human and physical environments and geographical skills.

How is the course assessed?

Unit 1 is assessed through a 1 hour 30 minutes exam at the end of Year 11 and is out of 88 marks. It is worth 35% of the GCSE. 3 marks are available for the use of Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG). Questions range from multiple choice to short answers and extended prose.

Unit 2 is assessed through a 1 hour 30 minutes exam at the end of Year 11 and is out of 88 marks. It is worth 35% of the GCSE. 3 marks are available for the use of Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG). Questions range from multiple choice to short answers and extended prose.

Unit 3 is assessed through a 1 hour 15 minutes exam at the end of Year 11 and is out of 76 marks. It is worth 30% of the GCSE. 6 marks are available for the use of Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG). Questions range from multiple choice to short answers and extended prose.

How will the course help me in the future?

The course will help you to:

Develop and extend knowledge of locations, places, environments and processes at a range of scales; Promote understanding of the interactions between people and environments, change in places and processes over space and time; Develop and extend competence in a range of skills including those used in fieldwork, in using maps and GIS and in researching secondary evidence, including digital sources; Develop competence in applying sound enquiry and investigative approaches to questions and hypotheses; Enable students to apply geographical knowledge, understanding, skills and approaches appropriately and creatively to real world contexts; and Develop the ability to construct well-evidenced arguments drawing on geographical knowledge and understanding.

Geography is a subject that is well regarded by further education colleges, universities and employers. It equips students with a wide range of knowledge and transferable skills that will compliment and support the study of other subjects at GCSE and A Level. Careers in the following areas benefit from geographical understanding: the police, armed forces, teaching, engineering, geology, natural resource exploration, renewable energy development, government, tourism, environmental conservation, aviation, cartography, digital mapping, travel writing, charity and aid work, flood management, town planning and defence.

Which member of staff should I contact for more information?

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