

COURSE GUIDE - GEOGRAPHY

WHAT IS GEOGRAPHY?

Geography is the study of people and places. This GCSE offers students the opportunity to study the world we live in. The course will give you an in-depth understanding of how people relate to the world that we live in as well as natural environments. You will focus on research skills as well as presentations and developing your written work.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

The course consists of 3 key units:

- Unit 1: Living with the Physical Environment (includes tectonic and climatic hazards, landscapes, the living world and skills)
- Unit 2: Challenges in the Human Environment (includes urban issues, the economic world, resource management and skills)
- Unit 3: Geographical applications (includes evaluating issues, fieldwork and skills)

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

The GCSE comprises three exam papers:

Unit 1 (35%)

Unit 2 (35%)

Unit 3 (30%)

All are taken at the end of the two year course.

HOW CAN I PROGRESS?

To succeed in Geography, you must be able to write with flair but also express your writing in a succinct way. You will be expected to describe, explain, analyse and evaluate key geographical processes and theories. You should have good communication skills, be able to work in a team and be able to manage yourself. Geography is a highly respected subject and Geographical qualifications are often desired by those in the Legal profession and Public services. Therefore it is useful for those interested in becoming a Police Officer, Town Planner, Cartographer, Outward Bound Instructor, Lecturer, Researcher, Volcanologist, Social Worker, Teacher or Lawyer.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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

<http://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/geography/specifications/AQA-8035-SP-2016.PDF>

