

Geography

Key Stage 3 & 4 Curriculum Information

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The Geography department is a forward thinking and dedicated department with a passion for helping students understand the world around them.

We aim to engage students in all areas of the Geographical world both in and outside the classroom environment, helping them to make the link between their studies and the real world, and stimulate an interest in independent learning. We offer many teaching approaches to suit all students' learning needs and requirements, helping them to reach their academic potential and develop skills they can use in their lifelong studies.

Key Stage 3

At KS3 in Geography, students will study a variety of topics on local, national and international scales and that will prepare them for further learning at KS4.

In Year 7, students will study Map skills, Settlement and Urban development, Weather and Climate, the British Isles and conflict around the globe.

In Year 8, students will study Hazards, Ecosystems, Population, Development, Globalisation and Tourism, including a fieldwork opportunity for those taking their studies further in Year 9.

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Key Stage 4

This qualification develops student knowledge and understanding of geographical concepts and appreciation of the relevance of these concepts to our changing world. It helps students to recognise differences and similarities in people's views of the world and its environments, societies and cultures. Studying at GCSE Level will allow students to develop and apply their learning to the real world through fieldwork and other out of classroom learning.

AQA GCSE Geography (8035) - Course Guide

This course consists of 3 units.

Further information can be found at:

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/gcse/geography-8035/specification-at-a-glance>

Paper 1: Living with the physical environment	+	Paper 2: Challenges in the human environment	+	Paper 3: Geographical applications
What's assessed 3.1.1 The challenge of natural hazards, 3.1.2 The living world, 3.1.3 Physical landscapes in the UK, 3.4 Geographical skills		What's assessed 3.2.1 Urban issues and challenges, 3.2.2 The changing economic world, 3.2.3 The challenge of resource management, 3.4 Geographical skills		What's assessed 3.3.1 Issue evaluation, 3.3.2 Fieldwork, 3.4 Geographical skills
How it's assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes 88 marks (including 3 marks for spelling, punctuation, grammar and specialist terminology (SPaG)) 35% of GCSE 		How it's assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes 88 marks (including 3 marks for SPaG) 35% of GCSE 		How it's assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written exam: 1 hour 15 minutes 76 marks (including 6 marks for SPaG) 30% of GCSE Pre-release resources booklet made available 12 weeks before Paper 3 exam
Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section A: answer all questions (33 marks) Section B: answer all questions (25 marks) Section C: answer any two questions from questions 3, 4 and 5 (30 marks) Question types: multiple-choice, short answer, levels of response, extended prose 		Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section A: answer all questions (33 marks) Section B: answer all questions (30 marks) Section C: answer question 3 and one from questions 4, 5 or 6 (25 marks) Question types: multiple-choice, short answer, levels of response, extended prose 		Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section A: answer all questions (37 marks) Section B: answer all questions (39 marks) Question types: multiple-choice, short answer, levels of response, extended prose