

Geography GCSE

Examination Board: AQA

Specification: 8035

Brief Description of Course

This is a rich and diverse course that highlights the critical importance of Geography for understanding the world and stimulating interest in places. It will inspire students to become global citizens by exploring their place in the world, their values and responsibilities to other people and to the environment. It adopts a traditional approach covering all the key ideas and debates such as climate change, globalisation, economic progress, urban regeneration and management of world resources. Topics include natural hazards, physical landscapes, ecosystems, how human activities shape towns and cities, the effects of global industries on different countries and the challenge of managing energy resource.

This course will include two separate fieldwork days linked to the third examination as well as a decision making exercise based on a pre-release topic in March of the examination year.

How you will learn

Geographers study the issues and changes in the world around us. The case studies and topics that we cover are therefore always changing. Work for Geography GCSE students includes:

- Opportunities for both independent learning and group work
- Map drawing and reading
- Graph drawing and reading
- ICT skills
- Debate and discussion
- Problem solving and decision making
- Research
- Describing and explaining processes

Geography is included in the English Baccalaureate.

Method of Assessment

Paper 1: Living with the physical environment

Written paper – 1 hour 30 minutes – 35% plus

Paper 2: Challenges in the human environment

Written Paper – 1 hour 30 minutes – 35%

Paper 3: Geographical applications – 1 hour - 30%

Local fieldwork investigation and decision making exercise

For further information please contact Mr Strachan (Head of Geography)