

Key Stage 4: Year 10 & (11 in 2017)

Geography

Introduction and Overview

Without Geography, you're nowhere, Geography is our world, Geography is going places!

Geography is about people and places and how they interact. Geographical education represents and interprets places.

There has never been a better or more important time to study geography. With growing interest in issues such as climate change, migration, environmental degradation and social cohesion, geography is one of the most relevant courses you could choose to study.

Geography is taught by:

Mr R Sanders (subject lead and Director of Faculty)

Mrs L Morcumb

Students follow a scheme of learning that builds upon the key stage 3 and expand this into greater breadth and depth, further developing geographical skills (including geographical Issues analysis and problem solving as they progress.

- The GCSE Course follows the **AQA Geography Specification. (9-1) Code 8035**
- Year 10 Students will study:
- Urban Issues and Challenges
- The Living World – Ecosystems, Tropical rainforests, Hot deserts
- The Physical Landscape in the UK – Coastal Landscapes in the UK and River Landscapes I the UK.

Year 11 Students will study:

The challeng of N=natural hazards – tectonic hazards, climatic hazards – climate change

The changing economic worls – the challenge of resource management – Food supply.

GCSE Geography is assessed in the following ways:0

Paper 1: 1 hour 30 minutes. Living with the physical environment

Paper 2: 1 hour 30 minutes. Challenges in the human environment

Paper 3: 1 hour 15 minutes Geographical applications

GCSE Geography students undertake a minimum of two days fieldwork enquiry which is examined in Paper 3.

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How to support your child

Check your child's folder regularly and talk to them about their work
Check your child's homework planner and ask them about their homework
Help with making a comfortable work space where they can do their homework
and help them manage their time so that homework and revision is completed on
time
Have access to an atlas at home.

If you're planning a day out, visit a museum or gallery that will tie in with work your
child is doing in subjects such as Geography, History, or Religion, Philosophy and
Ethics - this can be a fun way to add depth and interest to your child's learning.

Encourage your child to watch Geography related television programmes and
documentaries.

Encourage your child to take an interest in places when you go on journeys.

Encourage your child to watch the news or read a newspaper at least twice a
week. Find news stories that connect to the lesson topics.

Web Links

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zrw76sq>

GCSE BBC bitesize

· <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/gcse/geography-8035> to see example assessment
material, mark schemes and the course specification.

· [@GeographicalMag](#) : Royal Geographical Society

· [@USGSEarthquakes](#) : US geological survey feed of earthquake hazards

Additional Reading

Students often find it helpful to buy a copy of the exam board text book for use at home..
The titles are: GCSE Geography AQA edited by Simon Ross published by Oxford University
Press and:-
AQA GCSE (9-1) Geography by John Widdowson published by Hodder Education.
Access to a good atlas is invaluable to support GCSE geography.