



What will I study?

In Geography you will learn about the world in which you live, thinking about the challenges we face as a result of where and how we live. You will undertake investigations, developing a wide range of transferable skills, including literacy, numeracy, ICT and presentation.

Unit 1: Living with the Physical Environment

This unit covers the physical processes that shape our natural world, including topics such as: The challenge of Natural hazards such as earthquakes and hurricanes, Ecosystems with a case study focus looking at the Amazon rainforest, geographical landscapes in the UK such as rivers and coasts. A range of geographical skills will be embedded within these topics.

Unit 2: Challenges of the Human Environment

This unit looks at how human interaction with the world has shaped places, including topics such as: Urban issues and challenges, the changing economic world, the challenge of resource management for example energy resources globally. A range of geographical skills will be embedded within these topics.

Unit 3: Geographical Applications

This unit will assess key geographical skills and what you have learned through conducting your fieldwork investigation. In Section A you will be issued with a pre-release booklet before your exam about a key geographical issue and then in the examination you will be tested on your knowledge of this issue. Section B on the paper will assess your knowledge learned through carrying out your fieldwork investigation.

Fieldwork is an important part of your course. This will consist of 2 days study. You are required to undertake a Human and Physical fieldwork experience as part of the course.

We offer a non-compulsory international geographical experience to our GCSE students as an enrichment opportunity. Previous trips have included traveling to the Alps to look at glaciation and tourism, and the bay of Naples to discover tectonic landscapes.

How will I be assessed?

Written Examinations **100%**

All exams take place at the end of Year 11:

Unit 1: Living with the Physical Environment - 35% – 1 hour 30 mins

Unit 2: Challenges in the Human Environment - 35% – 1 hour 30 mins

Unit 3: Geographical applications - Issue evaluation and Fieldwork – 30% 1 hour 15 mins

Where do I go to find out more?

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/gcse/geography-a-9030>

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