

**Subject:** Geography

**Qualification:** GCSE

**Exam Board:** AQA

### **What will I study?**

The course will give you the chance to get to grips with some of the big questions which affect our world and understand the social, economic and physical forces which shape and change our world. Geography looks at the world today and the impacts humans are having on the future of the planet. We investigate the physical processes and factors that produce diverse and dynamic landscapes over time and the issues that concern us in the human environment such as population and development. It is a solid academic subject and well respected by universities and employers alike.

### **Paper 1 – Living with the physical environment.**

You will study topics such as 'The challenge of natural hazards', 'The living world' and 'Physical landscapes in the UK'. Geographical skills are included throughout and involves a field visit with both a human centred focus and a physical centred focus.

### **Paper 2: Challenges in the human environment.**

This paper focusses on the human elements of Geography and will cover topics such as 'Urban issues and challenges', 'The changing economic world' and 'The challenge of resource management'. Geographical skills are also included reflecting on the human environment.

### **Paper 3 – Geographical application**

This paper will ask questions of the field visits you conducted and focus on data collection methods, analysis and evaluations. The skills will also cover data presentation and interpretation.

### **How is this course assessed? 100% exam**

Paper 1 - external exam 1 hour 30 minutes which is worth 35 % of the GCSE

Paper 2 - external exam 1 hour 30 minutes which is worth 35 % of the GCSE

Paper 3 - external exam 1 hour 15 minutes which is worth 30 % of the GCSE

### **What can this qualification lead to?**

Geography as a GCSE is recognised as a qualification that ensures you can achieve at a higher level due to the ability to analyse and make judgements. GCSE Geography is very flexible qualification as it is a social science, so it fits with other courses such as PE for those that want to develop into the fitness industry or Philosophy and Sociology and History at an A level for those that are social scientists.

### **Further information**

For additional information about the course at

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

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