

GCSE GEOGRAPHY

EXAMINING BOARD: AQA

Course Content:

Physical Geography, Human Geography and Local Fieldwork Investigation.

You will study ...

UNIT 1: Physical Geography (37.5%)

- ***Section A:*** The Restless Earth; Rocks, Resources and Scenery; Challenge of Weather and Climate; Living World.
- ***Section B:*** Water on the Land; Ice on the Land; The Coastal Zone.

UNIT 2: Human Geography (37.5%)

- ***Section A:*** Population Change; Changing Urban Environments; Changing Rural Environments.
- ***Section B:*** The Development Gap; Globalization; Tourism.

You will be assessed in the following way ...

A 1 hour 30 minutes exam for each Unit: Candidates answer three questions, one from Section A and one from Section B plus a free choice of *one* other.

Local Fieldwork Investigation (25%)

- ***Task Setting:*** We will select a task from a choice of eleven provided by the examining board two years prior to submission.
- ***Task Taking:*** Candidates will work under the direct supervision of a teacher at all times, with the exception of primary research.

You will be assessed in the following way ...

- Written Component 1 (37.5%)
- Written Component 2 (37.5%)
- Fieldwork Component (25%)

Candidates will be entered for either Foundation Tier (Grades C–G), or Higher Tier (A* –D). Candidates can sit one of the Units at the end of Year 11 and the other at the end of Year 12. The Fieldwork component will be completed in Year 12.

Future Prospects:

Geography has links with many subjects, for example, Science. It is a basis for further study at A Level in Geography. It offers employment opportunities in careers such as travel, heritage, housing, planning and environment.

Geography is a very universal and flexible subject which is useful to gain entry into many third level courses. Geography students can expect to find employment in a wide variety of careers which include: Teaching; Journalism; Law; Reporting; Surveying; Architecture; Air Transport; Army; Police; Town Planning; Department of the Environment and Civil Service.

If pursued at a higher level a degree in Geography has been described as one of the most beneficial degrees as it develops skills in Literacy, Numeracy, Communication and ICT. Students gain excellent interpersonal skills which employers constantly look for in their employees.

What do you study in
GCSE Geography?

