

Subject:

GCSE Geography Exam Board - AQA

How will I be assessed?

The course is assessed by 100% examination.

There are three exams as follows:

Paper 1 - Living with the physical environment

1 hour 30 minutes

Paper 2 - Challenges in the human environment

1 hour 30 minutes

Paper 3 - Geographical Applications (Issue evaluation and fieldwork)

1 hour 15 minutes

What will I learn?

You will learn about a wide range of both physical and human themes which are relevant to our lives both today and in the future. Some of the topics you will learn about at GCSE are:

- Earthquakes
- Volcanoes
- Tropical Storms
- Extreme weather in the UK
- Climate change
- Tropical rainforests
- Hot deserts
- Rivers in the UK
- Coasts in the UK
- Mumbai in India – opportunities and challenges
- London, our capital city - opportunities and challenges
- Nigeria- a newly emerging economy
- The challenge of resource management – global food supplies

Why is this subject valuable?

Geography is an extremely interesting and enjoyable subject to study as it is about what is happening in the world today. You will become more aware of the things which will influence your life in the future. Geography is not just about learning about interesting people and exciting places, it also involves getting out of the classroom and experiencing these for yourself; as part of this course you will complete fieldwork in Castleton and at Burbage Brook (river study) in the Peak District.

In Geography you will also develop a wide range of skills such as; maps skills, ICT / GIS (geographical information systems), data presentation, investigation, maths and statistical skills.

A GCSE grade in Geography indicates to employers that you have a wide range of skills, you show resilience and adaptability.

Career choices where this subject would be valuable:

Geography graduates have one of the highest rates of employment. Careers include: Town planning, Surveyor, Geographical Information Systems officer, Meteorologist – weather forecaster, School teacher,

Accountancy, Law, ICT and software development, Armed services.