

GCSE Geography

What are the key themes in GCSE Geography?

The GCSE course studies geography in a balanced framework of physical and human themes and investigates the link between them. Students will travel the world from their classroom, exploring case studies in the United Kingdom, higher income countries, newly emerging economies and lower income countries. Topics of study include climate change, poverty, deprivation, global shifts in economic power and the challenge of sustainable resource use. Students are also encouraged to understand their role in society, by considering different viewpoints, values and attitudes.

What topics will I learn in Geography?

Year 10:

The Challenge of Natural Hazards	Urban issues and challenges	The Living world	The challenge of resource management
Natural hazards Tectonic hazards Weather hazards Climate change	Global urban issues A case study of a major city in a newly emerging economy; Rio de Janeiro A case study of a major city in the UK: Bristol Urban sustainability	Ecosystems Tropical rainforests A case study of a tropical rainforest: Malaysia Sustainable management of tropical rainforests Hot deserts A case study of a hot desert: the Thar desert Sustainable management of hot deserts	Food, water and energy as resources Changing demand for food Strategies to increase food supply

Year 11:

Physical landscapes in the UK	The Changing economic world	Geographical fieldwork	Issues evaluation & geographical skills
Coastal landscapes in the UK River landscapes in the UK	Global variations in economic development and quality of life Reducing the global development gap Economic development: social,	Physical geography fieldwork: a river study, carding mill valley Shropshire Human geography fieldwork: urban environmental	An unseen geographical issues evaluation. Cartographic, Graphical,

	environmental and cultural change Changes in the UK economy	quality, Sutton Coldfield	Numerical and statistical skills
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How will we study Geography GCSE?

Geography lessons will engage with the key themes and concepts of the physical and human topics. Contemporary geographical examples will be studied in detail in class. Key geographical skills will be addressed throughout the course and will be linked to the curriculum content. Students learning will be supported by a variety of resources including online textbooks and practice assessment material and homework and revision booklets. Key themes and concepts will be supported by fieldwork experiences in both a physical geography and human geography setting.

How will I be assessed in GCSE Geography?

Students will sit three exams at the end of the two year course

Paper 1: Living with the physical environment

Section A: The challenge of natural hazards: 33 marks

Section B: The living world: 25 marks

Section C: Physical landscapes in the UK: 30 marks

Paper 2: Challenges in the human environment

Section A: Urban issues and challenges: 33 marks

Section B: The changing economic world: 30 marks

Section C: The challenges of resource management: 25 marks

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Paper3: Geographical applications

Section A: Issue evaluation

Section B: Fieldwork

Students will be engaged in regular in-class assessments based on exam board criteria throughout the two year course.