



GEOGRAPHY

GCSE



Examination Board:

AQA

Assessment:

100% Examination

Paper 1: Living with the Physical Environment (35% of GCSE)

Paper 2: Challenges in the Human Environment (35% of GCSE)

Paper 3: Geographical Skills (including pre-release resources) (30% of GCSE)

What Will You Learn?

Geography is both current and relevant. It is a subject that helps us to make sense of the world around us. Many of the world's current major issues, such as climate change and how we are going to manage it, Urban environments and how to tackle them, all have a significant geographical element to them, and we need the geographers of the future to help us understand and solve them.

Geography is a stepping-stone to the skills and understanding that will help you succeed in a whole variety of careers. It will also provide you with an insight into a wide variety of important and topical issues that affect us, our local area and our planet, and give you the opportunity to see our world in a different way

The course is structured as follows:

Living with the Physical Environment

- The Challenge of Natural Hazards
- The Living World
- Physical Landscapes in the UK

Challenges in the Human Environment

- Urban issues and Challenges
- The Changing Economic World
- The Challenge of Resource Management

Geographical Skills

- Issue Evaluation

Fieldwork

- Physical Geographical Enquiry (We visit Carding Mill Valley in Shropshire and investigate the river there by getting into it)
- Human Geographical Enquiry (We visit Birmingham city centre to investigate if the changes there are sustainable into the future)

Who Is This Course For?

- Students who have enjoyed elements of geography so far in KS3
- Students who enjoy learning about both local and global issues
- Students who wish to develop the following skills:
 1. Problem solving
 2. Communication and report writing
 3. Team working and decision making
 4. Independent learning
 5. Research and presentation
 6. Debating topical issues
 7. Problem solving and independent thinking
 8. Statistical and numerical skills
 9. Map reading and interpretation

What Happens When You Finish? (Career Pathway)

Geography is the most employable discipline as it allows you to develop a wide range of skills and knowledge and it is highly regarded by employers and educational establishments. It is also an excellent choice at this stage of your education as it ties together elements of many other subjects (including science, maths, history and English) which will help keep your options open for any future educational or career choices.

GEOGRAPHY IS AN OPEN SUBJECT which means the careers it leads to are an immense range. Here's some examples but the list is endless:

- Urban planner
- Environmental or coastal engineer
- Volcanologist and seismologist
- Conservation officer
- National Park officer/ranger
- Architect
- Environmental health
- Teacher
- Civil engineer
- Estate agent
- Census data analyst
- Travel Agent
- Meteorologist / weather forecaster
- The list is endless

