

GEOGRAPHY

INTRODUCTION

Are you curious and fascinated about the ever-changing world around you? Are you interested in solving global challenges that are affecting our environment and society in the 21st Century? If the answer is YES, then a GCSE in Geography is for you!

THE COURSE

Geography AQA specification (8035) for GCSE.

Component 1: Living with the physical environment

Written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes 35% of GCSE

This unit looks at the natural world and the natural processes that exist with our planet. You will look at how humans co-exist within this world and the opportunities and challenges it presents us. For example, sustainably managing tropical rainforests or investigating the impacts of climate change.

Component 2: Challenges in the human environment

Written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes 35% of GCSE

In this section you will study a variety of places such as higher income countries (HICs), lower income countries (LICs) and newly emerging economies (NEEs). The aims of this unit are to develop an understanding of the factors that produce a diverse variety of human environments; the nature of these environments; the need for sustainable management; and the areas of current and future challenge and opportunity for these environments.

Component 3: Geographical Applications and Fieldwork

Written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes 35% of GCSE

This section is broken down into two parts; Issue Evaluation and Fieldwork. For the issue evaluation you are given a problem to solve. For example, managing squatter settlements or resolving conflicts over proposed reservoirs that might be built. You will develop a critical perspective on the issue and consider the points of view of the stakeholders involved to evaluate an appraisal of the advantages and disadvantages. The second part involves carrying out two fieldwork enquiries. One human and one physical.

For further information on this course, click [here](#).

NEEDED SKILLS

To be a successful geographer you will need to be able to think critically and read widely around the subject. You will regularly have to analyse and interpret a range of different data including maps, graphs, diagrams and photos. A strong understanding of mathematical principles is therefore essential (especially around fieldwork). Geography is a challenging yet highly rewarding subject and it's typical to experience failure when tackling difficult concepts and processes therefore resilience and independence are essential learning habits to succeed in this course.

THE FUTURE

Geography teaches you key skills required in every industry. Scholars are taught to work collaboratively, think both critically and creatively, solve problems and debate over a variety of issues. Universities highly value a GCSE and/or A Level in Geography and is one of the highest recruited degrees after students leave university. Traditional career pathways include:

- Law
- Sustainability manager
- Architecture
- Education

For further information on Geography, please contact Mr Carter, Head of Geography.



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