

Geography

What is GCSE Geography all about?

GCSE Geography will help you examine some of the most pressing contemporary issues our planet faces, considering the causes, consequences and responses to major threats to both the physical world and human landscapes. You will be encouraged to deepen your understanding of your role in society by considering different viewpoints, values and attitudes. Additionally, you will continue to develop key geographical skills to build a more considered application of concepts and theories to often dynamic geographical locations.

What topics will I cover?

1. Living with the Physical Environment

- **The Challenge of Natural Hazards** – An investigation into tectonic hazards (earthquakes, volcanoes), meteorological hazards (tropical storms and extreme weather) and climate change
- **The Living World** – An exploration of ecosystems, tropical rainforests and deserts
- **Physical landscapes in the UK** – A study of coastal processes, landforms and management and river processes, landforms and management

2. Challenges in the Human Environment

- **Urban Issues and Challenges** – An examination of urbanisation, urban growth in a LIC/NEE, urban growth in a city in the UK and sustainable urban change
- **The Changing Economic World** – A study of the global development gap, economic change in a LIC/NEE and economic futures in the UK
- **The Challenge of Resource Management** – An investigation into the use of essential resources in the UK, and a focus on global energy futures

3. Geographical applications and Geographical skills

- **Issue Evaluation** - critical thinking and problem-solving using pre-released material
- **Fieldwork** – two enquiries, one human geography investigation and one physical geography investigation carried out during residential fieldtrip
- **Geographical Skills** - cartographic skills (including map skills), graphic skills, numerical skills, statistical skills, literacy skills and enquiry skills.

How am I assessed?

Paper 1 – Living with the Physical Environment [**35%**]

Paper 2 – Challenges in the Human Environment [**35%**]

Paper 3 – Geographical Applications and Skills [**30%**]

Fieldwork

There is a compulsory field trip within the UK where you will investigate both human and physical processes, using fieldwork techniques to collect primary data used to improve your understanding of geographical concepts.

What examination board will I follow?

AQA

Who should I speak to for further information?

Your geography teacher or Mr Miller