

KS3 Overview

At KS3 Geography pupils learn the basic skills needed for map reading, graph and chart creation and analysis and structuring responses to GCSE exam type questions. As well as these basic skills, students learn how to make decisions that have consequences and significance in the real world and learn about a wide range of global geographical topics. Lessons are all based on real world situations and include a strong element of independent research and include opportunities for collaborative teamwork.

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Year 7	What is Geography? Population	Ecosystems	Weather and Climate
Year 8	International Development	Tectonic Landscapes and Processes	Asia and Tourism

“Geography is a subject which holds the key to our future”
- Michael Palin



WHAT QUALIFICATION WILL I GET?

GCSE Geography with a grade of 9 –1

WHICH EXAM BOARD?

EDEXCEL

Paper 1 – The Physical Environment (1hr 30 mins)

- The changing landscapes of the UK.
- Weather hazards and climate change
- Ecosystems, biodiversity and management

Paper 2 – The Human Environment (1hr 30 mins)

- Changing cities
- Global development
- Resource management and Water resource management.

Paper 3 – Geographical Investigations (1hr 30 mins)

- Fieldwork
- UK challenges

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES?

A-Level Geography and placements with NGOs

GCSE Geography

Overview

GCSE specifications for the discipline of geography give pupils the opportunity to understand more about the world, the challenges it faces and their place within it. This GCSE course will deepen understanding of geographical processes, illuminate the impact of change and of complex people-environment interactions, highlight the dynamic links and inter-relationships between places and environments at different scales and develop students' competence in using a wide range of geographical investigative skills and approaches. Geography enables young people to become globally and environmentally informed and thoughtful, enquiring citizens.

Geography at GCSE takes a thematic approach, with content organised by physical and human environments. It enables students to explore the people-environment challenges we face in the UK.

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Year 9	Rocks and Coasts	Rivers	Weather and Climate
Year 10	Ecosystems	Cities	Development
Year 11	Resource Management	Revision	Revision

Geography is like a new language. There are many new words and terms on each topic. Pupils will need to know meanings of these and how to use them in their own writing. The exam paper will always have questions that require good mathematical skills; like finding the range or mean or completing a graph. There will also be challenging extended questions (8 or 12 mark questions) that will require essay writing and good spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Pupils need to prepare for their examinations through a wide range of revision strategies; making good use of the revision guides that are available from their teacher and tackling an exam question every day.