

What is the course about?

Geography helps us to appreciate how places and landscapes are formed, the physical systems that govern our world, how people and environments interact, the consequences that arise from our decisions and the diverse range of cultures and societies that exist. Students will learn this through a range of skills that they will develop from data gathering on fieldwork trips to evaluating the consequences of climate change and analysing recent events from the news.



What topics will I study?

Unit 01: Our Natural World. Topics include global hazards, changing climate, distinctive landscapes and sustaining ecosystems with a fieldtrip to the South Coast to collect data.

Unit 02: People and Society. Topics include urban futures, dynamic development, the UK in the 21st century and resource reliance with a fieldtrip to a major urban centre to collect data.

Unit 03: Geographical Exploration. This includes both geographical skills and a decision making exercise where students have the opportunity to give their opinion on an issue backed up with evidence from a resource book.

What activities will there be?

Students will learn in a variety of ways including group work activities, presentations, independent research and traditional teaching methods. Also, data collection for both coastal and urban environments through primary and secondary techniques will be undertaken.

What percentage of the final grade is from coursework?

None. The qualification comprises of 3 exams at the end of the course. Students will however be asked questions in their exams about the 2 days of fieldwork that they will undertake.

What about after Key Stage 4? (Careers and College)

Geography offers real opportunities for progression. It provides a solid grounding in terms of human and physical geography which overlaps and supports other subjects such as the sciences, business studies, economics and history. Students become confident utilising many formats of information such as digital sources, articles, books and news reports. They also learn to be critical and evaluative; these skills are highly respected and transferable to further education and the workplace.

Exam board and useful website?

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<http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse-geography-b-geography-for-enquiring-minds-j384-from-2016/>