

What is the course about?

Geography is about the world around us. Students will study a wide range of both physical and human geography topics which are up to date and relevant to learning about the world today. A range of skills will also be developed including primary fieldwork techniques and secondary research skills; as well as how to manipulate and interpret data.

**What topics will I study? There are three units which make up the qualification:**

Unit 01 – Our Natural World. Topics include global hazards, changing climate, distinctive landscapes and sustaining ecosystems. Fieldwork must be undertaken.

Unit 02 – People and Society. Topics include urban futures, development, the UK in the 21st century and resource reliance. Fieldwork must be undertaken.

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. However, students will be asked questions about fieldwork and at least 2 days of fieldwork must be undertaken.

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, text 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?

OCR B – Geography for Enquiring Minds

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

