

SUBJECT

Geography GCSE

DEPARTMENT

Humanities

QUALIFICATION

GCSE Grades 9-1

EXAM BOARD

Edexcel



You will need to have a keen interest in Geography and should show an interest in different countries and current affairs. You will need to be able to work both independently and as part of a group.

How is the course assessed?

Written Exams

- Unit 1: The Physical Environment; 37.5%.
- Unit 2: The Human Environment; 37.5%.

Fieldwork and UK Challenges

- Unit 3: Geographical Investigations; 25%.

Please note: In order to complete Unit 3, there will be a minimum of 2 days of compulsory out-of-school fieldwork at a cost of about £20.

What subject specific topics are covered during the course?

Geography helps to make sense of our continually changing planet. You will learn about the natural environment (climate change, coasts and natural hazards such as floods and storms) and how people can adapt and manage it. You will discover faraway places as well as find out more about your local area.

What are the expected outcomes from the course?

Lesson styles in Geography vary enormously. As a result you will develop a range of skills that future colleges or employers are looking for. You will become an excellent written, oral and visual communicator, as well as develop your numeracy, map, problem solving and team working skills.

Importantly, you will get to think through real-life problems and situations, such as how best to manage migration into the UK or how to protect a community at risk from flooding. These exceptional learning opportunities will improve your ability to analyse choices and make sound judgements; a critical skill for all managers and leaders.

What can students use the course for?

Geography students are well prepared to continue to study Geography, or indeed similar subjects such as Environmental Management or Geology, at A Level. Geography is a rigorous academic subject at any university and is valued by a range of both public and private sector employers.