

# Geography

Geography is a subject which aims to understand the nature of the physical and human environment whilst unravelling the debates surrounding the contemporary challenges facing the world today. The subject appeals to those who want a greater understanding of the world we live in, from the physical processes that underpin and impact life on Earth to the growing influence of the human society in which we live. Geography is a hugely important and relevant subject today due to the growing awareness of environmental destruction, inequalities and geopolitical conflicts.

The course aims to challenge perceptions and stimulate investigative and analytical skills. It allows students to broaden their knowledge and understanding of places, environments, concepts, processes, interactions and change at a variety of scales, from local to global. Students will be able to construct arguments and draw conclusions from geographical information and issues.



## COURSE CONTENT

The course is structured around the following modules:

### Physical Geography

- Water and Carbon Cycles
- Coastal Systems and Landscapes
- Hazards

### Human Geography

- Global Systems and Global Governance
- Changing Places
- Resource Security

### Geography Fieldwork Investigation

Geography & key skills are integrated throughout the course.

## SKILLS REQUIRED

Geography bridges the arts/science barrier and consequently combines well with many subjects such as Biology, Physics, Mathematics, English, History, Business Studies and Economics. Studying GCSE Geography is advantageous as you have begun to develop the graphical, evaluative and analytical skills required. An interest in the world and global events and issues is also essential.

## ASSESSMENT

All course content is examined at the end of the two-year course. The assessment consists of two written exams and one fieldwork investigation.

### Component 1: Physical Geography

Three sections. 2 hours 30 minutes. 40% of final marks.

### Component 2: Human Geography

Three sections. 2 hours 30 minutes. 40% of final marks.

### Component 3: Fieldwork Investigation

Coursework. Assessed by teachers, moderated by the AQA. Individual investigation, including field data: 3,000–4,000 words. 20% of final marks.

## ENRICHMENT

The optional trip to Iceland is a department highlight, where students get to experience the fascinating physical geography of the country. Students also have the opportunity to teach geography lessons in the prep school. Students follow the Geographical Association Geography Education Online lecture series.

## EXAM BOARD

AQA 7037

## FUTURE PATHWAYS

Geography lends itself to the development of a wide range of transferable key skills. Studying geographical issues requires problem solving and critical thinking while collecting and presenting fieldwork data and develops digital literacy through the use of Geographical Information Systems (GIS). The fieldwork investigation fosters independence, self-motivation and how to manage time effectively.



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