

AQA GCSE Geography

Why choose Geography?

Geography inspires students to become global citizens by exploring their own place in the world, and their values and responsibilities to other people, to the environment and to the sustainability of the planet. GCSE Geography allows students to travel the world from their classroom, exploring case studies that include the United Kingdom, Brazil and Malaysia.

How could Geography help me?

Throughout the course students develop a range of skills that are sought after by employers, sixth form colleges and universities. Do you want to become a good communicator, work well as part of a team, be able to solve problems and build numeracy and memory skills that support other subjects such as Science, English and Maths? Then Geography is for you!

What jobs or further courses of study might this lead to?

Students who have studied Geography have gone on to work in the following sectors: law, science, business, environment, information technology, government, management, finance, banking, marketing, research, manufacturing, teaching, travel writing, engineering and building, arts, design and media, town planning, working abroad and many more...

What will the course look like?

The course is split into 3 sections:

Unit 1 – Living with the Physical Environment

Natural Hazards, Ecosystems including Rainforests & Extreme Environments, and Coasts & Rivers



Unit 2: Challenges in the Human Environment

Urban Issues and Challenges including a study of London and Rio de Janeiro, Changing Economic World, Natural Resources



Unit 3: Geographical Applications

Fieldwork and an Issue Evaluation, which contains a decision making exercise based on a pre-release resources booklet made available 12 weeks before the Unit 3 exam.

Fieldwork

As part of the course, you will take part in two pieces of fieldwork which will allow you to investigate different geographical issues in the real world. You will improve your literacy through your report writing and written work and you will also learn how to put forward your own opinion and convince others you are right!

Fieldwork for Unit 1 will be an investigation into coastal management in Formby.

Fieldwork for Unit 2 will focus on regeneration in Liverpool city centre.

How will I be assessed?

Students will sit three exam papers. Paper 1 is 1 hour 30 minutes, Paper 2 is 1 hour 30 minutes and Paper 3 is 1 hour 15 minutes. Each paper contributes to the total GCSE and there is no controlled assessment or coursework.

