

Geography

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CORE

Geography gives students a chance to develop and use a range of skills including research, data collection, presentation and analysis. It is our aim to ensure that the students develop a well-balanced knowledge and understanding of the issues that are influencing the world we live in today. Students are encouraged to develop their own values and attitudes for a wide range of subjects as well as being sympathetic to the views of others.



GCSE Geography

Awarding Body: OCR
Possible Grades: 9-1

Course Outline

The course is organised into three components:

Living in the UK Today

Students investigate the dynamic and diverse geography of the UK, drawing on a range of themes to explore the changing but distinctive physical and human environments, the processes which drive them and the challenges they create. The content is divided into three themes: Landscapes of the UK; People of the UK; UK Environmental Challenges.

The World Around Us

Students explore the complexities of the planet and the interconnections that take place, drawing on a range of themes to examine the changing, dynamic nature of physical and human environments, the role of decision makers and the sustainable nature and management of these environments. The content is divided into three themes: Ecosystems of the Planet; People of the Planet; Environmental threats to our Planet.

Geographical skills

These fundamental skills allow students to 'think geographically'. They are integrated into all aspects of the two content components and are also examined

specifically at the end of the course. The skills provide a basis for further study and research as well as being core skills for the world of work. Areas include: map work; graphs and charts; numerical and statistical skills; and how to interpret, analyse, evaluate and recognise bias in texts and visual sources.

Fieldwork

Students undertake two fieldwork studies to develop their skills and knowledge, allowing them to gain new geographical insights and to appreciate different perspectives on the world around them. The course begins with an **Urban Fieldwork** study in the Christmas term of Year 9 and a **Coastal Fieldwork** study in the Summer of Year 10.

Assessment

Written examination: 100%

There will be three terminal examinations at the end of Year 11

- Living in the UK Today – 1 hour – 30%
- The World Around Us – 1 hour – 30%
- Geographical Skills – 1 hour 30 minutes – 40%
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Specification link:

<http://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/207306-specification-accredited-gcse-geography-a-j383.pdf>

Recommended textbook: Geography A Geographical Themes: OCR 9-1 (Hodder 2016)