

KS4 Geography

Geography is a wide ranging subject that combines well with many other GCSE subjects. Therefore it does not matter whether your preference is for scientific/mathematical subjects or for literary/creative subjects - Geography will link well with all of them. It involves study of the earth's surface (Physical Geography), human activities (Human Geography) and emphasises the links between people and their environment. Geography is studied at all scales ranging from the global, through the national to the local. We also look at the contrasts between economically developed countries and the developing countries. The content of the course is extremely varied and students acquire a wide range of useful practical skills e.g., mapping, graphical, ICT, statistical, analytical and research skills.

The Edexcel Geography will be very much geared to the relevance of Geography to the real world. It will have a strong emphasis on environmental management and sustainable development which are key ideas in many jobs today.

Edexcel is divided into four units:

Unit 1 - geographical skills and challenges arising from climate change and sustainable development.

Unit 2 – physical landscapes (coastal, river and tectonic landscapes) and issues arising from the exploitation of water resources.

Unit 3 – the human world (economic change, settlement change and population change) and issues arising from tourism.

Unit 4 – one piece of coursework. The coursework element allows students to investigate a topic over an extended period. The coursework will be based on a piece of fieldwork and will allow students to demonstrate a range of practical skills. Teaching staff will give plenty of guidance to students to make the coursework an enjoyable and successful part of the GCSE course.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment will be as follows:

UNIT 1 – WRITTEN PAPER OF 1 HOUR – 25%

Unit 2 – written paper of 1 hour 15 minutes – 25%

Unit 3 – written paper of 1 hour 15 minutes – 25%

Unit 4 – coursework – 25%

Assessment is linear again so students sit exams in June of Year 11.

If you would like any more details about the Geography course or the assessment, please see your current Geography teacher.