

GCSE GEOGRAPHY



GCSE Geography gives you the opportunity to develop your understanding of physical and human geography. You will also investigate the links between them. Students will travel the world from the classroom, exploring case studies in the United Kingdom (UK), Newly Emerging Economies (NEEs) and Lower Income Countries (LICs). Topics of study include climate change, poverty, deprivation, global shifts in economic power and the challenge of sustainable resource use. You will be encouraged to understand your role in society, by considering different viewpoints, values and attitudes.

What will you study?

Living with the physical environment:

- The challenge of natural hazards (tectonic hazards, weather hazards and climate change)
- Physical landscapes in the UK (coastal and river landscapes)
- The living world (ecosystems, tropical rainforests and hot deserts)

Challenges in the human environment:

- Urban issues and challenges (cities)
- The changing economic world (economic development)
- The challenge of resource management (food, water and energy)

Geographical applications:

- Issue evaluation (human and/or physical geography), critical thinking and problem solving
- Fieldwork (human and physical geography)

Geographical skills:

- Geographical skills – maps, graphs and data

How will you be assessed?

Students will take ALL exams at the end of Year 11

Paper 1 - Living with the physical environment

- 1 hour 30 minute exam (35%)

Paper 2 - Challenges in the human environment

- 1 hour 30 minute exam (35%)

Paper 3 – Geographical applications: Issue evaluation and fieldwork

- 1 hour 15 minute exam (30%)

All 3 papers will include the following types of questions - multiple-choice, short answer, levels of response and extended prose.

For further information, please see Mrs Midgley, Mr Armstrong or Miss Waterfall