

Syllabus: AQA GCSE GEOGRAPHY 8035

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What we aim to do

Geography tackles the big issues: People, places, processes, environmental responsibility and global interdependence. The world in which we live is likely to change more in the next 25 years than it has ever done before. Geography explains why this is and helps to prepare you for those changes. The GCSE covers a diverse range of topics and develop lots of transferable skills.

What we study

Paper 1 – Living with the Physical Environment

- Section A – The Challenge of Natural hazards
- Section B – Physical Landscapes of the UK – Rivers & Coasts
- Section C – The Living World – Ecosystems, Tropical Rainforests, Hot environments

Paper 2 – Challenges in the Human Environment

- Urban Issues & Challenges
- Changing Economic World
- Resource Management (Food Resources)

Paper 3 – Geographical Applications

- Issue Evaluation (pre-release information booklet)
- Fieldwork (human & physical)
- Geographical Skills

Field Trip

Two days of field work will take place over your two-year course. One day for physical geography (e.g. ecosystem study) and the other day for human geography (e.g. urban regeneration). These two elements will form the basis of the fieldwork question for Paper 3.

Skills needed

A keen interest in Geography.

How your work will be assessed

You will have a 1 hour 30 minute exam for both Papers 1 and 2. Both are worth 35% of your total marks. Paper 3 will be a 1 hour 15 minute exam and is worth 30% of your total marks. Exam marks are awarded for content plus 12 additional marks for spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPaG). All exams are 'Linear' (taken at the end of Year 11).

What this subject can lead to when you finish Year 11 at The Hollyfield School

Subject can also be studied at A-Level. Course Requirements: Grade 5 to Study A Level.

Possible careers

Geography is considered very desirable in employment and further education, as the subject is very current and far reaching. In part this is because the subject is a combination of the facts of Science and the understanding of people and patterns in society and nature. Transferable skills developed through Geography, such as decision making and data analysis, are an asset in employment and further education.

Geography is well respected by universities. It is considered an important academic subject. It is particularly useful for Engineering, Conservation, Journalism, Science, Law, Business, International Development, Environmental Consultancy

Additional information/special requirements

n/a

Relevant website links for further information on the course/subject

Specification: <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/gcse/geography-8035/specification-at-a-glance/assessments>

Careers: <http://www.rgs.org/OurWork/Study+Geography/Study/Careers+with+geography.htm>

