

## GEOGRAPHY GCSE

This Geography course will cover four main areas:

- **Dynamic Planet** – Restless Earth, Changing Climate, Battle for the Biosphere, Water World, Oceans on the Edge and Raging Rivers.
- **People and the Planet** – Population Dynamics, Consuming Resources, Globalisation, Development Dilemmas, Changing Settlement in the UK and Challenges of an Urban World.
- **Researching Geography** - This will be focused upon designated river study field work and involves a field trip to investigate a river and its processes in the summer term.
- **Geographical Skills and Decision Making**– Where students will be asked to make a geographical planning or development decision based on a booklet of materials and data;

Students who study Geography will use and develop a wide range of skills over the length of the course, including:

- Problem-solving and decision-making skills
- Team-working skills
- Researching skills
- Analytical skills when interpreting data
- A wide range of synthesis skills when undertaking and planning fieldwork
- Evaluative skills

This linear course will require students to complete **three** written exam papers as the main assessment of the course. Two of which will be content-based and the other the Decision-Making Exercise (DME). All three written exams will be taken at the end of Year 11.

They will also be required to submit an extended piece of work based upon a field visit. Preparation for this work will be undertaken in class time. The project will be written up in controlled conditions. **All assessed work is externally moderated.**

Field work is an integral part of GCSE Geography in order to develop key skills and access all aspects of the course. Field studies include:

- A study of a river - where students collect data on a field day to complete their own investigative task

The study of Geography leads to a greater understanding of the world in which we live. It is a subject for those with an enquiring mind who want to understand present and future issues facing the human race and planet Earth. Taking Geography will give students the skills necessary to participate in tomorrow's society by making informed decisions about the world around them. Geography offers students a hands-on approach to learning and a chance to cover a variety of subjects ranging from oceanography to population analysis; an excellent subject to bridge the gap between the Sciences and Humanities.

**Controlled assessment**      **25%**

**Exam:**                              **75%**

**Exam Board: Edexcel b**  
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