

AQA - Geography – (8035)



Full course details can be found at <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/gcse/geography-8035/specification-at-a-glance>

Course Choice Guide

Literacy	☆	☆	☆	☆	☆
Numeracy	☆	☆	☆	☆	☆
Creativity	☆	☆	☆		
Communications	☆	☆	☆	☆	
Practical	☆	☆	☆	☆	
Group Work	☆	☆	☆		

Teaching, Learning & Assessment

Examinations	100%
Paper 1 Written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes	35%
Paper 2 Written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes	35%
Paper 3 Written exam: 1 hour 15 minutes including Pre Release material.	30%

VISION OF DEPARTMENT

Studying Geography allows students to travel the world from their classrooms, exploring case studies in the United Kingdom (UK), higher income countries (HICs), 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. Students are also encouraged to understand their role in society, by considering different viewpoints, values and attitudes. Students will also develop academic and life skills from writing, teamwork and communication to analytical skills.

SUMMARY OF COURSE

The course comprises four major topics:

- **Living with the physical environment**
 - 3.1.1 Section A: The challenge of natural hazards.
 - 3.1.2 Section B: Physical landscapes in the UK.
 - 3.1.3 Section C: The living world.
- **Challenges in the human environment**
 - 3.2.1 Section A: Urban issues and challenges.
 - 3.2.2 Section B: The changing economic world.
 - 3.2.3 Section C: The challenge of resource management.
- **Geographical applications**
 - 3.3.1 Section A: Issue evaluation.
 - 3.3.2 Section B: Fieldwork.

You will research current issues at different scales, understand the process of decision making and improve your thinking skills and be able to develop your ICT skills. There will be field work visits to Gunwharf Quays and Hayling Island to learn sampling skills and data collection techniques.

You will be assessed through three examinations. Papers 1 and 2 examine the main course content and geographical skills. Paper 3 is an issue evaluation based on a pre-release resources booklet made available 12 weeks before the Paper 3 exam. Questions on fieldwork techniques are also examined.

To do well in Geography students should have an enquiring mind, be able to communicate their viewpoints appropriately and should aim to be Secure or Mastered in English and Maths at KS3.

WHAT IT CAN LEAD TO AT COLLEGE AND BEYOND

This subject enables students to have a wide and varied choice of college courses and career opportunities. You could move on to A level Geography, Level 3 Travel and Tourism courses or any careers including Zoologist, Air Traffic Controller, Pilot, Landscape Architect and Town Planner.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR COMMITMENT, ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Students will be expected to undertake independent review and revision of the topics studied throughout the course, using the knowledge organisers supplied at the beginning of each half term. A weekly homework will be of up to 1 hour in length. In addition, students will be asked to watch, read and communicate key topical issues from media sources.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT MR STRZELEC OR MR CROWE