Awarding Body - AQA

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Description of Course

Geographers are highly employable because studying this GCSE offers:

* Scientific and lab skills
* Produce and interpret maps
* Research and interpretation of data including GIS
* Debate and enquiry
* Environmental and Social awareness
* Team based project work
* Fieldwork techniques
* IT skills
* Local, national and global concerns
* Social, economic and environmental mindfulness

Fieldwork is a fundamental element of all Geography studies and it is an essential requirement for this course. There will be two field trips; one each for physical and human geography. It may incur cost and contribution from parents/carers is expected.

Unit 1 (Paper 1) – Living with the physical environment, 35% of the qualification (exam) Duration is 1hr 30 min

1. The challenge of natural hazards

2. The living world

3. Physical landscapes in the UK (includes Geographical skills

Unit 2 (Paper 2) – Challenges in the human environment, 35% of the qualification (exam). Duration

1hr 30 min

1. Urban issues and challenges

2. The changing economic world

3. The challenge of resource management (includes Geographical skills)

Unit 3 (Paper 3) – Geographical applications, 30% of the qualification (exam) Duration 1 hr 15 min

1. Issues evaluation – decision-making exercise

2. Fieldwork – Questioned on 2 different pieces of field work. (includes Geographical skills)

After Year 11, Students are equipped to study a wide range of A levels.

Geography fits with most combinations of subjects. Some possible choices are Geography, Geology, Environmental Sciences, History, Government & Politics, Law, International relations or Economics.

Career Ideas Geographers are highly employable due to the wide range of skills they gain through studying the subject!

* Architect
* Civil services
* Civil Engineer
* Environmentalist
* Financial Adviser
* Foreign Correspondent
* Geologist
* GIS Technician
* Graphic Designer
* Tourism
* Hotel Manager
* Outdoor Pursuits Supervisor
* Planner
* Landscaper/Designer
* Peacekeeper
* Social Worker
* Surveyor
* Journalist
* Travel Agent
* Weather Presenter
* Town and transport planning, GIS, Remote Sensing etc
* Prime minister (Theresa May is a Geography graduate), or MP or Mayor, UK’s ambassador or work for United Nations (Environment/refugees/disaster management teams).