Who is this course for?

You should study geography if you want to:

Improve your understanding of global issues, which will affect our lives now and in the future

Develop a better understanding of the way the world works

Enhance your understanding of how physical landscapes (e.g. rivers, coasts) are formed

Express opinions about people and places

Find out about different cultures and societies that are different from your own

Find out how people are connected and interact with each other and their environment

GCSE Geography is an interesting subject that permits students to examine the relationship between people and the fragile environment we inhabit. Most good geographers are inquisitive about their surroundings, and take great interest in current affairs. Students develop a wide range of skills by studying geography including; literacy, numeracy, enquiry, research skills and ICT. The ability to link different viewpoints and disciplines provides students with the skills to solve problems that we as a global population face.

The course specification is Eduqas B.

What will I study?

A variety of themes are covered which look at human, physical and environmental Geography.

The key themes cover the following topics which are then assessed through the 3 papers:

Urbanisation, Contrasting global cities, Urban and rural processes and change in the UK, Development issues, Coasts and coastal management, Rivers and river management, Weather and climate,

Climate change, Ecosystems, Water resources and management and Desertification.

How is it assessed?

It is 100% exam based, and completed through 3 papers.

Component 1: Investigating geographical issues and is worth 40% (1 hour 45 minutes)

Component 2: Problem solving and is worth 30% (1 hour 30 minutes)

Component 3: Applied field work enquiry and is worth 30% (1 hour 30 minutes)

Where can this course lead me?

Geography opens up a gateway to an exciting future. Students can continue to study Geography at A-level. Other courses accessible include Travel and Tourism, Geology and Environmental Studies. More specific courses such as Town Planning are also available.

Geography is an academic subject. Geography is a much-respected subject with employers and with universities and so geography GCSE or A level is a very useful qualification for a range of university courses and careers including law, environment, local government, town planning, politics, business & enterprise, marketing & market research, media & journalism and the civil service.

What else do I need to know?

A variety of teaching strategies are used and include group work, independent learning and enquiry based activities. Field work is an integral part of the course and relevant visits and techniques will be completed. These skills add to and enhance your learning experience. Data collected on field visits will provide the opportunities to develop interpretational and analytical skills which will be applied to and used in paper 3.

Fieldwork

Please note that it is compulsory to undertake fieldwork and this may well be in the form of a residential visit. If you would like more information, please email Mr G Donnan on donnang@maghullhigh.com or visit the website below.

http://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/geography/gcse-b/

Geography is one of the subjects that form part of the ‘EBacc’.