Edexcel IGCSE

The Edexcel IGCSE in Geography provides an outstanding qualification that is both rigorous

and fair, in term of assessment. IGCSEs are by their very nature international in outlook, but

retain a local relevance. The Geography IGCSE is broad, and has a large skills base making it

very a sought-after subject and course. It provides an excellent grounding in Geography for

those wishing to study the subject at Pre-U Level.

The Edexcel International GCSE (9–1) Geography qualification aims to extend students’

knowledge by broadening and deepening skills. For example, students will:

1. develop and apply a holistic range of knowledge and understanding of geographical

concepts and skills, including fieldwork

2. present and analyse data, draw conclusions and evaluate information from different

sources

3. develop awareness of global issues and challenges and that, in moving towards a

sustainable future, people have different views and attitudes to the environment.

Fieldwork

We undertake three fieldtrips throughout the course, and the skills for this are assessed

through examinations. There is no coursework. We undertake a Rivers fieldtrip examination

the course of the River Severn, an Urban fieldtrip to investigate change in Liverpool and visit

a local university to discuss contemporary changes in UK Energy supply.

In addition, there is an optional residential fieldtrip to Iceland for those students who take the

course. This involves a trip of real geographical awe and wonder. We take students to the

South West of Iceland where they travel in SuperJeeps up Eyjafjallajokull volcanoe, cave in a

lava tube, visit the Soleheimajokull glacier, snorkel between two tectonics plates, visit the Blue

Lagoon spa and travel to the Westman Islands, climbing Eldfell volcano.

Students are invited to lectures at the School, where we host the Shropshire Branch of the

Geographical Association bringing high-level academics to the Faculty.

Structure

There are 2 papers to the IGCSE course. The questions are a mixture of multiple-choice,

short-answer, data-response and open-ended questions.

Paper 1 (40%) – Physical Geography – 1hr10mins

• River Environments

• Natural Hazards

Paper 2 (60%) – Human Geography – 1hr45mins

• Urban Environments

• Economic Activity and Energy

• Fragile Environments