Why study this subject?

The study of geography is a multi-faceted discipline that combines the analysis of social questions,

environmental issues and real world solutions. Geographers investigate interactions between mankind

and our physical environments such as the causes and impacts of climate change and how the physical

landscape can influence a countries level of development.

By studying geography, it will equip you with an understanding of different places and cultures through

the study of real world examples. By using practical fieldwork and research skills, you will investigate

geographical problems on a variety of scales from local (food banks) to global (water shortages).

What is the course structure?

Unit 1: Our Natural World

▪ Topic 1: Global Hazards (case

studies Australia, UK and

Haiti)

▪ Topic 2: Changing Climate

(case studies UK and global

impacts)

▪ Topic 3: Distinctive

Landscapes (case studies

Dorset Coastline and River

Eden)

▪ Topic 4: Sustaining

Ecosystems (case studies

Amazon Rainforest, Svalbard

and Antarctic Treaty)

(Includes physical fieldwork

(Eastbourne in year 10) and

geographical skills)

Unit 2: People and Society

▪ Topic 5: Urban Futures (case

studies London and Lagos)

▪ Topic 6: Dynamic

Development (case study

Democratic Republic of the

Congo)

▪ Topic 7: UK in the 21st

Century (case studies Boston

(England), Canary Wharf,

Ukraine)

▪ Topic 8: Resource Reliance

(case study UK)

(Includes human fieldwork (in

the local area in Year 11) and

geographical skills)

Unit 3: Geographical Exploration

▪ Geographical Skills

▪ Unseen Decision Making

Exercise

How will you be assessed?

Unit 1: Our Natural World

(35% of final mark)

1 hour 15 minute written exam

Unit 2: People and Society

(35% of final mark)

1 hour 15 minute written exam

Unit 3: Geographical

Exploration

(30% of final mark)

1 hour 30 minute written exam

How does it link to further study or careers?

Geography provides opportunities for many careers, for example tourism, translation and interpretation,

journalism, international aid and development work and marketing and business. With the wide variety

of skills and knowledge you will acquire during your Geography GCSE it will increase your employability

options in almost any sector.

Where can you find out more information?

GCSE Specification: GCSE Geography OCR B

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