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What is it?

AQA Geography GCSE highlights the critical importance of geography for

understanding the world and for stimulating an interest in various places. It will

inspire students to become global citizens by exploring their place in the world

and their values, as well as their responsibilities to other people and to the

environment.

Why should I take it?

Geography helps you to develop a wide range of skills. Many of these will help

your studies in other subjects. They will also be of use in later life in the sixth

form, college and at work. Geography goes well with all the other subjects you

may wish to choose. When a job or college course requires, for example, five

GCSE passes, it will often ask for maths and English and 3 others. Geography will

always be accepted as one of the others.

Geography goes well with all the other subjects you may wish to choose and can

lead to a range of jobs:

● With art and technology: advertising, architecture, cartography,

landscape architecture.

● With science: agriculture, environmental health, ecology, nature

conservation.

● With history and religious studies: archaeology, law, libraries, museums,

publishing, research, social work.

● With languages: working overseas, translator, bilingual secretary, travel,

tourism.

There are also jobs in leisure services, sports and recreation, surveying, town

planning, transport, ICT, GIS (Geographical Information Systems), teaching and

many more.

What will I be studying?

Year

9/10/11

Unit 1 - Living with the physical environment:

● The challenge of natural hazards (earthquakes, volcanoes,

tropical storms and UK extreme weather)

● The living world

● Physical landscapes in the UK (rivers and coasts)

Unit 2 - Challenges in the human environment

● Urban issues and challenges

● The changing economic world

● The challenge of resource management (focus on water)

Geographical skills will be taught throughout the course

Year

10/11

Unit 3 Geographical applications

Two field work projects

● Does Manningtree need another supermarket?

● Coastal field work – Walton-on-the-Naze

● Pre-release resource-based part of the exam, resources

are sent out by the exam board at the end of March and

will link to a part of the course.

How is it assessed?

Unit 1: Physical Geography - 1 hour 30 minutes written exam, 35% of grade.

Unit 2: Human Geography - 1 hour 30 minutes written exam, 35% of grade.

Unit 3: Geographical applications - 1 hour 15 minutes written exam, 30% of GCSE

What else do I need to know?

There will be some trips throughout the GCSE course, some of which will be in

Manningtree and the local area for the fieldwork aspect including Walton-onthe-Naze.