Course: AQA Geography GCSE

Paper 1: Living with the physical environment = 35%, 1 hour 30 minute exam

• The challenge of natural hazards

• Natural hazards; Weather hazards; Climate change

• The Living world

• Eco-systems; Tropical rainforests; Hot deserts

• Physical landscapes in the UK

• UK physical landscapes; Coastal landscapes; River landscapes

Paper 2: Challenges in the human environment = 35%, 1 hour 30 minute exam

• Urban issues and challenges

• The changing economic world

• The challenge of resource management

Paper 3: Geographical applications = 30%, 1 hour 15 minute exam

• Issue evaluation

• Fieldwork

Course Description

GCSE Geography is based on a balanced framework of physical and human geography. It

allows students to investigate the link between the two themes, and approach and

examine the battles between the man-made and natural worlds.

Students travel the world from the classroom, exploring case studies in the UK, higher

income countries (HICs), newly emerging economies (NEEs) and lower income countries

(LICs). Topics of study include climate change, poverty, deprivation, global shifts in

economic power and the challenge of sustainable resource use.

The students will complete two pieces of fieldwork. Both the physical (coasts) and human

(regeneration of an urban area). The information gathered on these trips will be used to

answer a section in the Paper 3 exam.

Progression Routes

GCSE Geography lays an appropriate foundation for further study of Geography or

related subject at A Level and beyond. Geography is also highly valued by employers

for its combination of subject knowledge and transferable skills as well as its links with

other subjects such as English, maths, ICT and Science.

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