Exam board

AQA

Subject contact

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All students are eligible to study

GCSE Geography as the course

encompasses the 9-1 grade

range. It will require high levels

of commitment from students

as it is a rigorous course.

What will your child

learn on this course?

They will learn how people,

places and the environment

interact. Through studying

Geography, your child will

learn to develop a thorough

understanding of the world

we live in and how people

can influence and affect our

environment. They will also

learn how to develop a range

of skills such as ‘graphical

and cartographical skills’.

Howwill they

be assessed?

Students will sit three externally

assessed examinations at

the end of the three-year

course in May/June 2023.

l Paper 1: Living with the

physical environment

Making up 35% of the final

GCSE grade, this paper looks

at the challenges of the

natural environment, the

physical landscape of the

UK and the living world.

l Paper 2: Challenges in the

human environment

Making up 35% of the

final GCSE grade, this

paper looks at urban

issues and challenges,

the changing economic

world and the challenge of

resource management.

l Paper 3: Geographical

Applications

Making up 30% of the

final GCSE grade, this

paper consists of a

decision-making exercise,

a fieldwork write-up

and geographical skills

including map reading and

statistical analysis of data.

What will your

child need to do to

make progress?

l All homework tasks

with due diligence.

l Revise and reflect on their

learning as they go along.

l Attend revision classes

to complement learning

in lessons; as advised by

their subject teacher.

l Watch relevant TV

programmes and

films; advised by their

subject teacher.

They will also need to attend a

field trip – the location varies

dependent upon the advice given

by the examination board.

what could

happen next?

potentialpost-16 options/

Career pathways

Geography is a pretty

unique subject because it

looks at both the physical

structure of the planet and

the social structure (i.e. how

we affect our environment

and how it affects us) in the

past, present and future.

Geography will help you

develop your communication

and teamwork skills, as

you’ll often work on group

projects. You’ll also develop

your research and analysis

skills including IT, lab and

fieldwork, which means you

will be able to collect and

look for patterns in data.

Employers love the mix

of technical and social skills

people get from studying

Geography, which they see as

very transferable, i.e. useful

for a whole range of jobs.

According to the Royal

Geographical Society,

Geography graduates have

some of the highest rates

of graduate employment.

Geography is great for any

kind of career that involves

the environment, planning,

or collecting and interpreting

data. Popular careers for

people with geography

qualifications include: town

or transport planning,

surveying, conservation,

sustainability, waste and water

management, environmental

planning, tourism, and

weather forecasting. The

army, police, government,

research organisations, law

and business world also love

the practical research skills

that geographers develop.

Because geographers learn

about human and population

development, Geography can

be useful for jobs in charity and

international relations too.