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Exam Specifications: AQA 8035 GCSE Geography

Why should I study Geography?

Geography is a contemporary subject that helps you to make

sense of the world around you. It is hands on, relevant and fun.

GCSE Geography has good mix of topics such as urban issues,

world development, extreme environments, rivers and hazards –

to name but a few. The course will give you the chance to get to

grips with some of the big questions which affect our world, and

understand the social, economic and physical processes which

shape and change our world.

Geography is very comprehensive, with skills and attributes linking to many other subjects.

Here are just a few examples of how Geography links with other subjects:

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competitive world. Many of the topics and issues provide useful insights into, and preparation

for, everyday life situations.

What will lessons be like?

They will include the use of different audio-visual inputs, written sources, web pages, role-play

exercises, group work, research and development. There will be opportunities to lead your

own activities.

Fieldwork: Dependant on Covid restrictions, during the two-year course there will be two

fieldwork trips, one with a human geography element and another with a physical geography

element. The destination and topic will vary, however in the past we have visited the North

Norfolk Coast to identify evidence of coastal processes and erosion and Cambridge to study

the Urban environment (human geography).

Geography is the only subject where work on a field trip directly counts towards the GCSE

Qualification.

ASSESSMENT When? How? Weighting

Paper 1: Living with the physical

environment

End of

Year

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Written exam, 1hr 30 mins 35%

Paper 2: Challenges in the human

environment

End of

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Written exam, 1hr 30 mins 35%

Paper 3: Geographical applications

End of

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Written exam, 1hr, prerelease materials to study 30%

Should I take GCSE Geography?

You will enjoy this course if you are hardworking, interested in the world around you, how it is

changing and responding to human and natural processes; if you have an enquiring mind

which wants to understand challenging issues that may not have easy answers; if you enjoy

using various visual, written and ICT resources. The subject is challenging and will require

your best effort at all times, but if you are willing, dedicated and passionate, you will achieve!

What could I do next with GCSE Geography?

This course is an excellent introduction to A Levels studied at sixth form or college such as

Geography, Environmental Sciences, Politics, Economics, the sciences and many more. The

subject is ideal for those who wish to mix the arts and humanities with Science. It leads to

excellent opportunities within a broad range of careers, see

http://www.geography.org.uk/resources/careers/