QUALIFICATION: GCSE

EXAM BOARD: AQA A

What will I study?

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 forces which shape and change our world.

Geography looks at the world today and the impacts humans are

having on the future of the planet. We investigate the physical

processes and factors that produce diverse and dynamic landscapes

over time and the issues that concern us in the human environment

such as population and development. It is a solid academic subject

and well respected by universities and employers alike.

Paper 1: Living with the physical environment

You will study topics such as ‘The challenge of natural hazards’,

‘The living world’ and ‘Physical landscapes in the UK’. Geographical

skills are included throughout and involves a field visit with both a

human centred focus and a physical centred focus.

Paper 2: Challenges in the human environment

This paper focuses on the human elements of Geography and will

cover topics such as ‘Urban issues and challenges’, ‘The changing

economic world’ and ‘The challenge of resource management’.

Geographical skills are also included reflecting on the human

Environment.

Paper 3: Geographical application

This paper will ask questions of the field visits you conducted

and focus on data collection methods, analysis and evaluations.

The skills will also cover data presentation and interpretation.

How is this course assessed? 100% exam

• Paper 1 – external exam 1 hour 30 minutes which is worth 35%

of the GCSE

• Paper 2 – external exam 1 hour 30 minutes which is worth 35%

of the GCSE

• Paper 3 – external exam 1 hour 15 minutes which is worth 30%

of the GCSE

What can this qualification lead to?

Geography as a GCSE is recognised as a qualification that ensures

you can achieve at a higher level due to the ability to analyse and

make judgements. GCSE Geography is very flexible qualification as

it is a social science, so it fits with other courses such as PE for

those that want to develop into the fitness industry or Philosophy

and Sociology and History at an A level for those that are social

scientists.

Further information

For additional information about the course at http://filestore.aqa.

org.uk/resources/geography/specifications/AQA-8035-SP-2016.PDF

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