GCSE

(AQA Examination Board)

The course aims to:

provide opportunities for fieldwork; pupils will be given the chance to gain first-hand experience

of investigating places, environments and human behaviour. They will link physical and human

geographical concepts; help develop spatial awareness; build a knowledge and understanding of

current events from local to global; develop transferable skills for the future, including literacy,

numeracy and statistics, ICT, problem solving, team work, thinking skills and enquiry.

Topics Studies:

• The challenge of natural hazards – tectonic hazards, extreme weather and climate

change.

• Physical landscapes in the UK – coast and river features and management.

• The living world – ecosystems, tropical rainforests and hot deserts.

• Urban issues and challenges – growth of urban areas, opportunities and challenges within

urban areas and urban planning.

• The Changing Economic World – managing population change, growth of tourism, trade,

aid and debt and the economic futures and sustainability in the UK.

• The Challenge of Resource Management – food and natural resources supplies and issues,

specifically food demand and sustainable management.

Grouping

All classes are taught in mixed ability groups, the size of which will vary depending on the number of

pupils opting to take Geography.

Time spent in school on this subject

5 one hour lessons per two week cycle.

Fieldwork

Two contrasting studies take place where primary data is collected on both physical and human

geographical topics. These are reflected upon in lessons and used within one of the exams.

Homework

This is set each week and supports classwork and examination practice.

Examination Details External Assessment:

Consisting of three exams. 100%

Links with advanced courses and careers:

• There are AS and A level courses in Geography. The variety of skills and topics covered

means that Geography integrates well with all subjects, including sociology, psychology and

geology. Geography also links well with a wide range of career options including: sustainable

management, project management, construction and engineering, market research, logistics

and distribution, political risk analysis, development worker, commercial surveyor,

environmental consultant, teacher, architect, law, and the police.

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