Examining Body: AQA

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Assessment

Our GCSE Geography follows the AQA Specification syllabus which is composed of three units:

Living with the physical environment written exam 35%

Challenges of the human environment written exam 35%

Geographical Investigations: Fieldwork and UK Challenges written exam 30%

‘The study of Geography is about more than just memorizing places on a

map. It’s about understanding the complexity of our world’

Course Outline

Unit 1: The Physical Environment This unit is composed of three physical geography units: The challenge of natural hazards,

the living world and physical landscapes in the UK. Students have an appreciation of many elements of this syllabus from their

foundation study of geography at in years 7 and 8 at Halewood Academy.

Unit 2: The Human Environment This unit comprises three human geography units: Urban issues and challenges, the changing

economic world and the challenge of resource management. Again, students have an appreciation of many elements of this

syllabus from their foundation study of geography at Halewood Academy.

Unit 3: Geographical applications and skills: This unit includes the investigation of one Physical Environment and one Human

Environment . Pupils will have the opportunity to study geography out of the classroom by visiting two contrasting landscapes

(usually a coastal and a city landscape) as well as looking at the challenges facing the UK. Studying geography gives students

the opportunity to travel the world via the classroom, learning about both natural and social sciences along the way. They

will understand how geography affects everyday life and discover the key opportunities and challenges facing the world. Students will also develop academic and life skills from writing. Teamwork and communication skills to analytical skills and how

to construct an effective argument . In the words of Michael Palin “Geography explains the past, illuminates the present and

prepares us for the future. What could be more important than that?”

Future Pathways

Qualifications: A Levels such as geography and other subjects within earth sciences and humanities. Universities consider

GCSE geography to be a high quality qualification which keeps opportunities open.

Possible Careers

There are many careers that people who study geography can follow.

Examples include: architect, banker, lawyer, military GIS specialist, aerial or offshore surveyor, diplomat, conservation

worker, weather forecaster, earth scientist, coastal engineer, social worker, marketing, teacher, university lecturer,

insurance, aid worker, armed forces, town planner, surveyor, travel agent and TV researcher.