

## Course Information – Geography

The course studies both the physical and human environment. It allows students to evaluate, interpret and respond to data, plus develop their geographical skills. The students will look at issues in the world today as well as landforms and processes.

### Course Content

Overview of the GCSE Course:

#### **Paper 1: 1 hour 30 minutes**

The Physical Environment

Overview of the UK changing landscapes

Geology and interaction of processes

Coastal Landscapes and processes

Physical processes and human activities

River Landscapes and processes

Physical processes and human activities

Weather hazards and climate change

Changing global and UK climate

Ecosystems, biodiversity and management

Distribution and characteristics of ecosystems

#### **Paper 2: 1 hour 30 minutes**

The Human Environment

Changing Cities

Global urban processes and detailed case studies from the UK and developing the country.

Global Development

Causes and consequences of uneven development

Resource Management

Global and UK distribution of food, energy and water.

#### **Paper 3: 1 hour 30 minutes**

Geographical Investigations – Fieldwork and UK Challenges

Geographical Investigations – Fieldwork

2 pieces of fieldwork covering Physical and Human Geography topics.

UK Challenges

Use knowledge from Paper 1 and 2 and their skills to investigate a contemporary challenge in the UK

### Assessment

There are 3 exam papers, each 90 minutes long:

Paper 1: Physical Environment

Paper 2: Human Environment



Paper 3: Fieldwork and UK Challenges

**Future Opportunities**

Geography is an exciting and contemporary subject to undertake at GCSE. It allows students to develop higher-level thinking skills, and many of the skills learnt can be transferred to other curricular areas. The GCSE course followed will allow students to develop their understanding of contemporary issues relevant to the world in which we live. Geography works well with Science and Mathematical related subjects as well as other Humanities such as History.

Syllabus: Edexcel A syllabus, which leads to a GCSE award. [www.edexcel.com](http://www.edexcel.com)

