

Subject: Geography

Head of subject: Ms Chabrel

GCSE

Exam Board:
OCR

Course Description

This GCSE covers the four key themes of Rivers and Coasts, Population and Settlement, Natural Hazards and Economic Development. Each year a different theme is chosen for the Sustainable Decision Making Exercise paper. This is where you make a recommendation for the best solution to a problem that has an impact on people and their environment.

The other three key themes are then covered in the Unit 3 examination. You will learn contrasting case studies from MEDCs and LEDCs to illustrate your understanding for each topic.

The controlled assessment is based on the fieldwork that is undertaken at the beginning of Year 11. There is also a field trip at the end of Year 10 to practice the skills required for data collection and analysis. These field trips look at settlement patterns, changes in retail management and the management of rivers.



Assessment

Unit 1 Sustainable Decision Making Exercise
Examination

June of Year 11 – 25% of final mark

Unit 2 Geographical Enquiry

Controlled Assessment – Fieldwork

Summer Term Year 10 /

Autumn Term of Year 11 – 25% of final mark

Unit 3 Key Geographical Themes

Examination

June of Year 11 – 50% of final mark

You will be entered for either the Higher or Foundation level examination.

Subject Teachers

Ms Chabrel

Mrs Johnson

Miss McCaughey

Higher Education Courses/Careers

Sixth Form: GCE A Level Geography
GCE A Level Geology
GCE A Level Environmental Studies
GCE A Level Sociology

Geography can be studied as a Science (BSc) or an Arts subject (BA) at university depending on whether you are more interested in Physical or Human Geography at that point. It can also be studied as a joint degree with other subjects.

Careers where this course may be useful are Environmental Management, Travel and Tourism, Distribution and Logistics, Nature Conservation, Health management, Public housing, Waste Management and Recycling, Public health and Civil Engineering.

Recent Results

2014	25% A*-C
2013	63% A*-C