



Geography GCSE

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Course Title	Exam Board	Specification Code	Head of Department
Geography	Eduqas A	601/8152/7	Mrs C Stone

Course Information Geography is an extremely popular GCSE at the Howard School. Our course looks at Geography through a unique balance of physical and human topics. Students will learn in an enquiry-based approach which encourages questioning, investigation and critical thinking about issues affecting our planet. This course aims to instil a thirst for knowledge and a desire to understand, prompting questions about our complex and dynamic world. They will enhance their knowledge and develop their understanding of specialised geographical concepts and current geographical issues. Students will gain an appreciation of the importance of location of places and environments from local to global scales.

- Skills/Aptitude Required**
- Communication
 - Teamwork
 - Debate and social skills
 - Fieldwork
 - Questioning and critical thinking
 - Map skills
 - Problem solving
 - Data analysis and statistical analysis
 - Empathy
 - Research and report writing

Next Steps Geography is a facilitating subject and works well with most subjects! Physical Geography goes well with the Sciences and Maths whilst Human Geography goes well with English, Business and other Humanities. Geography is required at GCSE to study A-Level Geography and it is commonly studied with subjects like English, Business and Biology at A-Level.

- Future Career**
- Specific careers (volcanologist, meteorologist, etc.)
 - Law and politics
 - Journalism and marketing
 - Town planning
 - Travel and tourism
 - Teaching

The Course in Depth

Year 9 Topics Covered We start our GCSE by looking at the physical and human landscapes that exist on our planet. Topics studied includes:

- River landscapes and flooding
- Coastal landscapes
- UK population and rural change
- UK population and urban change
- Global cities
- Tectonic processes

Year 10 Topics Covered Year 10 introduces students to the environmental challenges we are currently facing. Students also complete their compulsory fieldwork in two contrasting locations. Topics studied include:

- Tectonic hazards
- Climate change
- Weather and weather hazards
- Ecosystems
- Fieldwork

Year 11 Topics Covered Students complete the course by looking at the development issues we face now and in the future. Topics include:

- Global inequality
- Global tourism
- Regional inequality
- Water resources
- Social development issues

Internal Assessment Students are assessed formatively:

- Daily (lesson by lesson) through retrieval quizzes
- Weekly with exam question walk-throughs and homework
- Termly with knowledge quizzes

Student are tested summatively:

- End of Theme Assessments
- Mock exams

External Assessment **Component 1: Changing Physical and Human Landscapes**
Written examination: 1 hour 30 minutes, 35% of qualification

Component 2: Environmental and Development Issues
Written examination: 1 hour 30 minutes, 35% of qualification

Component 3: Applied Fieldwork Enquiry
Written examination: 1 hour 30 minutes, 30% of qualification

“Geography explains the past, illuminates the present and prepares us for the future. What could be more important than that?”

Michael Palin