



Key Stage 4 Core Curriculum and Option Subjects

Geography

All students will follow the OCR geography specification B GCSE. They will begin the course in Year 9 and dependant on progress and ability may have the opportunity to complete it at the end of Year 10

Geography enables students to study issues which affect our everyday life, both now and in the future. The course is designed to deliver transferrable skills, essential when entering higher education or employment.

OCR Level 2

The course is equivalent to 1 GCSE qualification, during which students will study a mixture of human and physical topics.

The course also provides the opportunity for the planning and undertaking of a range of fieldwork activities.



Course Content

During the course students will study the following:

Unit 1 – Rivers and Coasts

Unit 2 – Population and Settlement

Unit 3 – Natural Hazards

Unit 4 – Economic Development

Fieldwork and map skills are integrated into units of study throughout the GCSE course.

Assessment

At the end of the course students will be assessed through two examinations and one Controlled Assessment unit:

B561: Sustainable Decision Making – worth 25% (one topic examined - topic changes annually).

B562: Key Themes – worth 50% (3 topics examined – topic changed annually).

B563: Controlled Assessment – worth 25% based on fieldwork (Investigation topic changed annually)

Progression

The course offers progression to A Level geography and would also support students with other social science A Levels they have not previously studied.