



# GCSE Geography

- CORE COMPULSORY
- NON -QUALIFICATION
- OPTION
- EBACC SUBJECT

Examination board: AQA

Course code: 8035

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## Course Description

This course gives our students the opportunity to understand more about the world and the challenges it faces. It enables students to become globally and environmental informed citizens of the world.

### Unit 1 Living with the physical environment

- a) The challenge of natural hazards
- b) The living world
- c) Physical landscapes in the UK

To develop an understanding of the tectonic, geomorphological, and meteorological processes in different environments, and the need for sustainable management strategies to reduce risks and impacts.

### Unit 2 Challenges in the human environment

- a) Urban issues and challenges
- b) The changing economic world
- c) The challenge of resource management

To develop an understanding of a variety of places in various levels of development, such as higher income countries (HICs), lower income countries (LICs) and the need for sustainable management.

### Unit 3 Geographical applications

- a) Issue evaluation
- b) Fieldwork
- c) Geographical skills

To develop and demonstrate a range of geographical skills, including cartographic, graphical, numerical and statistical skills.

It should be noted, 10% of the marks come from mathematical skills and therefore they should be able to perform these accurately.

## Entry Requirements

Good prior achievement in Geography, Maths and English is required.

## Key Skills

- Communication skills
- Problem solving
- Independent research,
- ICT skills,
- Map skills,
- Decision making
- Data collection and interpretation, fieldwork
- Statistical representation.

## Cost

Exam practice Book approx. £3.50  
Revision Guide approx. £4.50  
Students will also need to attend 2 fieldwork days. (Approx price for 2023, both trips, was £60)

## Assessment

100% Exams

Paper 1: Living with the physical environment. 1 hour 30 minutes (35%)

Paper 2: Challenges in the human environment. 1 hour 30 minutes (35%)

Paper 3: Geographical Applications. 1 hour 30 minutes (30%)

Paper 3 is based on two separate days' compulsory field trips. These are the only field trips for the course held during Year 10.

Rivers Day – Investigating the changes in a river downstream near Dorking

Urban Day – Investigating regeneration and sustainability in the East Village in the Olympic Park.

## Careers

Agriculture, Art & Design, Business Studies, Cartography, Construction, Environmental Agency, Geology, ICT, Journalism, Languages, Law, Location Manager, Meteorology, Oceanography, Surveying, Teaching, Water Quality Scientist.

## Further education opportunities

Students will have the opportunity to take A level Geography and subjects related to geography such as sustainability, climate change, disaster management, environmental sciences, urban planning, logistics etc.

## Enrichment and Support

Revision support sessions.  
Wideworld Magazine.