

GCSE Subject Information

Subject: Geography

What the subject is about:

- *“Geography contributes to the creation of rounded individuals who know who they are and where they have come from.” (The Geographical Association)*
- You learn important skills, decision making, writing reports, investigating and researching case studies.
- At the end of year 11 you will have to carry out fieldwork. Recently students have had to carry out a river study.
- We follow the CCEA specification for Geography.
- The course consists of six topics – pupils have already a basic knowledge of these from Key Stage 3.

Course content and assessment schedule:

Paper	Duration	% of total	Content
1	1 hr 30 mins.	37.5	Below is a brief outline of the 3 themes in the PHYSICAL paper. 1. The Dynamic Landscape (Rivers and Coasts) 2. Our changing Weather and Climate (Global warming) 3. The Restless Earth (Earthquakes and Rocks)
2	1 hr 30 mins	37.5	Below is a brief outline of the 3 themes in the HUMAN paper. 1. Population (Distribution, Growth) 2. Contrasts in World Development (The Development Gap, Fair trade, Aid) 3. Managing our Resources (Waste and Tourism)
3		25	1 piece of coursework eg a report on a river study.

Attributes needed to succeed in the course

An interest in the world around you. General knowledge of current events also helps. If you like the subject in Key Stage 3 then it is quite similar at GCSE except we study topics in more detail. Geography is about recognising the problems and threats that exist in the world around us and trying to find solutions to these eg global warming or poverty and debt in Africa or destruction of the rainforests etc. If this interests you then Geography is the subject for you.