



GCSE

Geography



Why study Geography?

Studying GCSE Geography provides you with a variety of valuable skills and knowledge that can be transferred across other subject areas and in everyday life. This course will give you the chance to get to grips with some of the big issues which affect our world, and understand the social, economic and physical forces and processes which shape and change it. It is a very practical subject with opportunities to learn new skills such as modern computer-based mapping as well as extending your geographical thinking through fieldwork opportunities to the River Pang and Oxford.

Exam Board:

OCR

Overview of course content (specification code: J383)

Topics Covered

This course will focus on these key areas:

Living in the UK Today

Landscapes of the UK: this topic gives you an understanding of the physical geography of the UK, its key landscapes and the geomorphic processes which have driven the changes to UK landscapes

People of the UK

This topic should develop an appreciation of the changes within UK society, its population and development. Case studies will be used to investigate the growth and/or decline of a place or region and to examine the character of a city in the UK, including the ways of life of the people who live in it

UK Environmental Challenges

The UK faces many challenges through people's interaction with the physical environment and the use of resources. This topic investigates some of the environmental challenges faced by the UK. You will look at extreme weather events in the UK, in particular the links between extreme weather conditions and flooding

Ecosystems of the Planet

A variety of ecosystems are spread across the world and these have a number of interacting components and characteristics. This topic develops an appreciation of a number of these ecosystems, before focusing study on coral reefs and tropical rainforests

People of the Planet

This theme explores the causes of this uneven development and the differences between countries

Environmental threats to our Planet

Climate change and extreme weather conditions cause many threats to both people and the environment. This theme develops understanding of these key environmental threats affecting countries and the world as a whole

Geographical Skills

Geographical skills are developed across the full two-year course. You will also undertake two geographical investigations based on fieldwork; one in each year.

Examination and Assessment

Examination	% of GCSE
Paper 1 – Living in the UK Today Assessed on Landscapes of the UK, People of the UK and UK Environmental Challenges Exam duration: 1 hour (60 marks)	30%
Paper 2 – The World Around Us Assessed on Ecosystems of the Planet, People of the Planet, and Environmental Threats to Our Planet Exam duration: 1 hour 30 minutes (66 marks)	30%
Paper 3 – Geographical Skills Assessed on Geographical Skills and fieldwork assessment Exam duration: 1 hour 30 minutes (80 marks)	40%



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