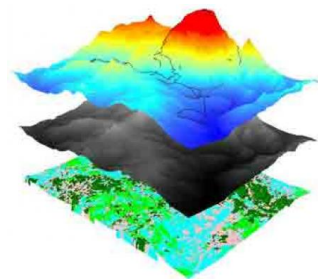


Geography GCSE

Qualification:	GCSE Geography
Subject Leader	Mr. G. Dawson
Exam Board:	AQA



Why study Geography?

Do world events interest you? Do you like discovering new places? Do you enjoy finding out about how our planet works? Do you care about our environment? If the answer is yes to any of these, then Geography is for you.

What will I learn?

This course will develop an understanding of places, environments and human behaviour and provide opportunities to investigate places through fieldwork. It builds knowledge and understanding of current events from local to global; it develops essential skills for the future including literacy, numeracy, decision making, thinking skills and enquiry. Students will travel the world from their classroom, exploring case studies in the United Kingdom (UK), higher income countries (HICs), newly emerging economies (NEEs) and lower income countries (LICs). Topics of study include climate change, poverty, deprivation, global shifts in economic power and the challenge of sustainable resource use. Students are also encouraged to understand their role in society, by considering different viewpoints, values and attitudes.

How will the course be structured?

There are 3 units:

Unit 1 Living with the physical environment - topics studied: the challenge of natural hazards, the living world, physical landscapes in the UK and geographical skills

Unit 2 Challenges in the human environment - topics studied: urban issues and challenges, the changing economic world, the challenge of resource management and geographical skills.

Unit 3— Geographical applications – topics studied: issues evaluation, geographical skills and fieldwork.

How will I be assessed?

All units are exam based. Units 1 and 2 has questions ranging from short to extended answers, with some resource based questions. Unit 3 has questions ranging from short to extended answers on a pre-released resource, geographical skills and fieldwork.

What career opportunities are there?

Geography is a highly regarded subject both by employers and universities. Careers which involve Geography include knowing about the environment, working with people or making decisions. For example, Civil Engineer, Conservationist, Hotel Manager, Planner, Social Worker, Surveyor, Teacher, Transport Manager or Tourism Officer.

How can I get further information?

Please see Mr G. Dawson, Subject Leader or other teachers of geography, Mr M. Griffiths and Miss S Blakstad