



GCSE Geography

COURSE OUTLINE:

The new Geography GCSE course will cover the following:

- Locational knowledge and contextual knowledge of the world's continents, countries, regions and their physical, environmental and human features
- Maps, fieldwork and geographical skills including the use of Geographical Information Systems (GIS), to obtain, illustrate, analyse and evaluate geographical information
- Knowledge and understanding of the UK's geography, both in overview and with some in depth study, to include its physical and human landscapes, environmental challenges, changing economy and society, the importance of cultural and political factors, and its relationships with the wider world
- There are 3 papers – a physical paper, a human paper and a skills paper as seen below:

<u>Living with the physical environment – Paper 1</u> <u>35% of GCSE</u>	<u>Challenges in the human environment – Paper 2</u> <u>35% of GCSE</u>	<u>Geographical applications and Geographical skills – Paper 3</u> <u>30% of GCSE</u>
Section A: The challenge of natural hazards	Section A: Urban issues and challenges	Section A: Issue evaluation
Section B: The living world	Section B: The changing economic world	Section B: Fieldwork Geographical skills
Section C: Physical landscapes in the UK	Section C: The challenge of resource management	Section C: Geographical skills

- Fieldwork will be assessed through examination only. It will comprise 15% of the total assessment weighting (of which 5% is allocated to skills and 10% allocated to application).

It is essential to remember that the new Geography GCSE has a new focus in the skills it assesses:

- 10% of marks are allocated to rewarding use of appropriate mathematical and statistical techniques.
- 5% of marks are allocated for accurate spelling, punctuation and grammar, and the use of specialist technology

COURSE ASSESSMENT:

AQA GCSE Geography: Grade range 9 – 1

TEACHER TO SEE FOR GUIDANCE:

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