

Exam Board: AQA Geography Spec B

Course Overview

This course covers physical and human geography, and a wide range of skills, including fieldwork.

Unit 1: Managing places in the 21st Century

The Urban Environment

The Coastal Environment

Unit 2: Hostile World and Investigating the Shrinking World

Section A: Living with natural hazards (Wildfires, Tropical Storms, Earthquakes and Volcanoes) and The challenge of extreme environments.

Section B: Investigating the globalisation of industry and Investigating global tourism.

Unit 3: Local Investigation including Fieldwork and Geographical Issue Investigation

Task One: Local Investigation including Fieldwork

Task Two: Geographical Issue Investigation

Assessment

Unit 1 and unit 2 are each assessed by a 1 hour 30 minute examination at the end of year 11. Unit 1 will require students to answer all questions and Unit 2 will require students to answer one question from section A and one question from section B. The exams are tiered into Higher and Foundation.

Unit 3 is made up of Local Investigation including Fieldwork, which equals 15% of the full GCSE and a Geographical Investigation, equal to 10%. Investigations will be written up in controlled conditions but research will be carried out first.

After each section of each unit has been taught, students will be given an end of unit test to help them practice. There will also be a mock exam at the end of year 10 and in year 11.



Qualities needed for success in the course:

- Interest in the environment, maps, photographs, ICT, drawing and sketching, fieldwork.
- Ability to work independently on coursework.
- Ability to learn factual content of case studies.
- Be determined and hard working.
- Enjoy reading and researching.

Possible Post 16 Study & Career Choices

GCSE geography is very useful for A-level geography and A-level Sociology.

Geography is a well regarded academic course among employers and Universities.

Geography directly leads to a range of careers from town planning to teaching.