

Geography

GCSE – AQA

Subject Leader: Mr Pearson

What's it all about?

Many people find that the study of geography to GCSE opens up an understanding of the world around them which enhances both leisure and work experiences. Geography also teaches lots of skills that are valuable throughout life. Students gain and develop a variety of transferable skills, for example, presenting and analysing data, debating, and extended writing. Students develop independence and organisational skills whilst carrying out research and collecting data.

Who should take it?

You should take geography if you have an interest in the ever changing world around you. You will have the opportunity to study many different places and societies as well as investigate the causes behind geographical events such as floods. Geography is a well-respected academic subject. It brings together sciences and humanities including chemistry, biology, maths, history, citizenship and English. Possible careers include: logistics, leisure and tourism, cartography, landscape architecture, town planning, environmental conservation, meteorology, surveying, civil service, teaching, management, finance and administration.

What will I learn on this course?

- The challenge of natural hazards, physical landscapes in the UK, The living world and geographical skills.
- Urban issues and challenges, the changing economic world, the challenge of resource management and geographical skills.
- Issue evaluation, fieldwork and geographical skills. This part of the course will include analysis of a pre-release booklet several months before the examination.

Fieldwork will be undertaken in two contrasting environments. We complete a river study in Carding Mill Valley near Church Stretton and an urban study to learn about investigations and data processing and analysis.

How will I be assessed?

- Paper 1: Living with the physical environment. The paper lasts for 1 and a half hours and is worth 35% of the GCSE grade.
- Paper 2: Challenges in the human environment. The paper lasts for 1 and a half hours and is worth 35% of the GCSE grade.
- Paper 3: Data responses and Skills. This paper lasts for 1 hour 15 minutes and is worth 30% of the GCSE grade.

What do your current students say?

“A really enjoyable subject, it is lots of fun. The teachers are very supportive and I have enjoyed my trips to Carding Mill and Italy.”

Is there anything else I need to know?

For the rivers study to Carding Mill Valley stream you will need a pair of wellingtons and a waterproof.

Who can I contact for further information?

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