

## Geography Curriculum Key Stage 4

### Vision

GCSE Geography provides students the skills and content to understand and unlock the world around them and to equip them with the knowledge of the issues and the challenges that we face both now and into the future. It allows students to explore and appreciate the world and understand how physical and human landscapes are interdependent and interconnected. The subject equips pupils with the necessary skills to build active, globally responsible citizens of the future.

### Teaching and Learning

There are three main Geography themes in the AQA GCSE Geography (9-1) which are assessed through 3 exam papers at the end of Year 11. The content of each paper is split into different units and is as follows:

- Paper 1 assesses the Physical Geography units: Tectonic and Climatic Hazards; Biosphere and the Living World; Geomorphology: River Processes and Coastal Processes. **This is 1 hour 30 minutes and worth 35%**
- Paper 2 assesses the Human Geography units: Urban Growth and Areas in LICs and HICs; Economic Development and case studies of economic development of Nigeria and UK; Resource Management (Energy). **This is 1 hour 30 minutes and worth 35%**
- Paper 3 assesses Geographical Skills and is split into three broad sections: Decision Making Pre Release Element; Unseen Fieldwork; our two fieldwork enquiries. **This is 1 hour 15 minutes and worth 30%**

### Additional Information

Paper 1 and Paper 2 make up the majority of the course and are mainly taught in Year 10, with two small units completing the GCSE in Year 11. Paper 3 content is mainly taught in Year 11 and includes 2 pieces of fieldwork:

- Coastal Environments - Southend trip researching longshore drift and types of engineering;
- Urban Environment and Redevelopment - assessment of the impact of the Olympic redevelopment on Stratford 10 years later.

### Learning Resources

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zy3ptyc>

<http://www.coolgeography.co.uk/GCSE/AQA%20GCSE.htm>

<https://revisionworld.com/gcse-revision/geography>

<http://www.s-cool.co.uk/gcse/geography>

<http://revisionworld.com/gcse-revision/geography>

**From September 2021: KS4 Geography Programme of Study (YEAR 11s ONLY)**

	<b>Autumn 1</b>	<b>Autumn 2</b>	<b>Spring 1</b>	<b>Spring 2</b>	<b>Summer 1</b>	<b>Summer 2</b>
Year 11 (1 double + 1 Single) If Independent Fieldwork is running	<b>Fieldwork</b> (5 weeks) 1. Field visits 2. Data Presentation 3. Conclusions and Evaluations <i>(1-week mock programme)</i>  <b>Resource Management</b> (1 weeks) a. Resource Management (UK)	<b>Resource Management</b> (2 weeks) b. Energy Management  <i>(2 weeks mock programme)</i> <b>Changing Economic World</b> (2 weeks) b. LIC-NEE Country – Nigeria	<b>Changing Economic World</b> (3 weeks) c. HIC Country - UK  Finalise unit content and Therapy sessions on targeted units.	Exam Preparation and revision  <i>(1-week mock programme)</i>  <b>Pre-Release Unit</b> (2 weeks)	Exam Preparation and revision	
	<b>Assessment:</b> Y11 Mock Exam 1 (Paper 1)	<b>Assessment:</b> Y11 Mock Exam 2 (Paper 2)	<b>Assessment:</b> 2 sets of extended questions.	<b>Assessment:</b> Y11 Mock Exam 3	<b>Assessment:</b> -	

	<b>Autumn 1</b>	<b>Autumn 2</b>	<b>Spring 1</b>	<b>Spring 2</b>	<b>Summer 1</b>	
Year 11 (1 double + 1 Single) If Independent Fieldwork is not running	<b>Changing Economic World</b> (6 weeks) a. The Development Gap b. LIC-NEE Country – Nigeria c. HIC Country - UK  <i>(1-week mock programme)</i>	<b>Resource Management</b> (3 weeks) a. Resource Management (UK) b. Energy Management <i>(2 weeks mock programme)</i> <b>Review Natural Hazards</b> (3 weeks)	Finalise unit content and Therapy sessions on targeted units.	Exam Preparation and revision  <i>(1-week mock programme)</i>  <b>Pre-Release Unit</b> (2 weeks)	Exam Preparation and revision	
	<b>Assessment:</b> Y11 Mock Exam 1 (Paper 2)	<b>Assessment:</b> Y11 Mock Exam 2 (Paper 1)	<b>Assessment:</b> 2 sets of extended questions.	<b>Assessment:</b> Y11 Mock Exam 3	<b>Assessment:</b> -	

### From September 2021: KS4 Geography Programme of Study (YEAR 10s ONWARDS)

Year 10 (1 double + 1 Single)	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
	<b>Natural Hazards</b> (6 weeks) a. What are Natural Hazards b. Tectonic Hazards c. Weather Hazards d. Climate Change  <b>Review Week</b>	<b>Changing Economic World</b> (6 weeks) a. The Development Gap b. LIC-NEE Country – Nigeria <b>Urban Issues and Challenges</b> (1 week) d. Urban Sustainability	<b>The Physical Landscape in the UK</b> (6 weeks) a. UKs range of diverse landscapes b. River Processes c. Coastal Processes	(1-week WEX)  <b>Living World</b> (4 weeks) a. Ecosystems b. TRFs c. Hot Deserts  <b>Review Week</b>	<b>Urban Issues and Challenges</b> (4 weeks) a. The Global Pattern of Urban Change b. Urban Growth in LICs-NEEs (RIO)  <b>Review Week</b>	<b>Urban Issues and Challenges</b> (4 weeks) c. Urban Change in the UK  <i>(2 weeks mock Programme)</i>  <b>Review Week</b>
	<b>Assessment:</b> 1. Tectonic Hazards 2. Natural Hazards	<b>Assessment:</b> 1. Development Gap 2. LIC Assessment	<b>Assessment:</b> 1. River Processes 2. Coastal Processes	<b>Assessment:</b> Living World Assessment	<b>Assessment:</b> Urban (Rio) Assessment	<b>Assessment:</b> Y10 Mock Exam (Paper 1)

Year 11 (1 double + 1 Single)	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	
	<b>Fieldwork</b> (5 weeks) 1. Field visits 2. Data Presentation 3. Conclusions and Evaluations  <i>(1-week mock programme)</i>	<b>Changing Economic World</b> (4 weeks) c. HIC Country - UK <b>Resource Management</b> (3 weeks) a. Resource Management (UK) b. Energy Management <i>(2 weeks mock programme)</i>	Finalise unit content and Therapy sessions on targeted units.	Exam Preparation and revision  <i>(1-week mock programme)</i>  <b>Pre-Release Unit</b> (2 weeks)	Exam Preparation and revision	
	<b>Assessment:</b> Y11 Mock Exam 1 (Paper 2)	<b>Assessment:</b> Y11 Mock Exam 2 (Paper 1)	<b>Assessment:</b> 2 sets of extended questions.	<b>Assessment:</b> Y11 Mock Exam 3	<b>Assessment:</b> -	