

PCHS Curriculum Information GEOGRAPHY

Course Title: GCSE Geography	Exam Board: AQA	Specification Code: 8035
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How will students be assessed?

Students sit three exams. All students complete the same paper. The first exam is 'living with the physical environment' which focuses on natural hazards, ecosystems and cold environments, the UK's physical landscapes, coastal landscapes and river landscapes. The second exam is 'challenges in the human environment'. This unit includes urban geography, urban change and the challenges facing urban areas, development and economic change in the UK and abroad and the challenges of energy management into the future. Both of these exams are 90 minutes long and make up 35% of the GCSE mark. The third exam is 'geographical applications'. This exam is split into two sections. The first is an issue evaluation where students study information provided 12 weeks before the exam and answer questions on it using their geographical skills and applied knowledge. The second section is where students answer questions about the two days of fieldwork that they have completed.

KEY CONTENT

Half Term 1 – Hazards

- Tectonic Hazards
- Weather Hazards

Half Term 2 – Hazards

- Weather Hazards
- Climate change

The Living World

- Ecosystems

Half Term 3 – The Living World

- Rainforests
- Cold Environments

Physical Landscapes

- UK Physical Landscapes

Half Term 4 – Physical Landscapes

- Coastal Landscapes
- River Landscapes

Half Term 5 – Physical Landscapes

- Rivers Landscapes

Urban Issues and Challenges

- Urbanisation

Half Term 6

Fieldwork Study

Fieldwork study write-up