

Geography



Qualification: GCSE

Equivalent to: 1 GCSE (9-1)

Students will travel the world from their classroom, exploring case studies in the United Kingdom and around the world. Topics of study include climate change, poverty, deprivation, global shifts in economic power and the challenge of sustainable resource use. Students are also encouraged to understand their role in society, by considering different viewpoints, values and attitudes. The course will also involve two days of off-site fieldtrips.

Course Content

1. Living with the physical environment:

The challenge of natural hazards, the living world and physical landscapes in the UK.

2. Challenges in the human environment:

Urban issues and challenges, The changing economic world, The challenge of resource management.

3. Geographical applications:

Issue evaluation and fieldwork.

Assessment

All exams will take place in the Summer term of Year 11

- Paper 1: Written exam, 1 hour 30 minutes, 35% of GCSE.
- Paper 2: Written exam, 1 hour 30 minutes, 35% of GCSE.
- Paper 3: Written exam, 1 hour 15 minutes, 30% of GCSE. Pre-release resources booklet is made available 12 weeks before Paper 3 exam.

Who would enjoy and be successful on the course?

If you have an interest in the world around you, what happens in it and why it happens, then you will enjoy GCSE Geography. Geography is a very broad subject covering subjects ranging from natural hazards to environmental issues and so appeals to a wide range of different interests. To be successful you will need to be able to apply a broad range of skills; from independent research and enquiry to effectively using resources and explaining processes. You will also require a strong work ethic.

Progression – Sixth Form / Further Education / Careers

Geography draws on such a wide range of areas and skills that it makes it a subject which will be beneficial in any path you choose to take in further education. This GCSE course links in directly to the A-level course studied in Archway Sixth Form. At university level Geography has one of the most successful employment rates of any degree. It gives access to a huge range of careers such as Resource Manager, Hazard Manager and Planner, Climatologist, Civil Engineer, Town Planner, Countryside Manager, Environmental Education Officer, Pollution Monitoring Officer, Sustainable Development Officer and Environmental Solicitor.