

GCSE Geography



What qualities do I need to be happy & successful at GCSE?

- **Independent learner** – heavy on HW (if homework isn't your thing then perhaps consider a subject less dependent on working at home)
- **Decent attitude** – if your A2L was 3 or 4 at KS3 then is this really going to change?

Is this the right course for you?

This is a rewarding albeit challenging subject which is regarded as particularly academic – there is a vast amount of information to process & apply though with the right attitude pupils prove year on year that they are capable of exceeding expectations.

Are you ...

Up for the challenge, positive about working hard to achieve, independent, able to record notes quickly & neatly?

Why choose this course?

- 80%+ A*-C results
- 40%+ A*/A results
- Feels more like A-Level (lecture style)
- Pupils & parents are well supported – resources for HW, GCSE Success Club, half-term revision sessions, HW support for parents sessions, letters to parents outlining the programme for revision & HW etc..

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Where this GCSE may lead - to become...

1. A **prime minister** – aware of the dangers of climate change
1. A **successful heir to the throne** – aware of the poverty in the inner cities
2. A drummer who is already familiar with the countries he is visiting on tour
– **drummer from the Kaiser Chiefs**, Nick Hodgson



What some of the current students are saying:

'It's probably the best subject in the world!'

'I was only expecting a 4 grade but I got an 8!'

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Exam Board : Eduqas Spec B

Timetable : 5 hours over 2 weeks

HW : Approx 1 hour per week

Equipment : 4 colour biro & highlighters

Field Trips : x2 ONE physical & ONE human

Course Content

There are 3 themes of study:

Theme 1: Changing places – Changing economies

Topics include: Urbanisation; rural/urban changes in the U.K; development; globalisation; trade & aid

Theme 2: Changing Environments

Topics include: Coasts; rivers; weather & climate; climate change;

Theme 3: Environmental challenges

Topics include: Ecosystems; water management; desertification

- The written examination consists of **THREE** papers.

Exam	Content	Time	Proportion of final grade
Paper 1	Theme 1	1hr 45min	40%
	Theme 2		
	Theme 3		
Paper 2	Problem solving	1.5 hours	30%
Paper 3	Fieldwork Investigation	1.5 hours	30%