

Subject Title	GCSE Geography (8035)
Assessment	Paper 1: 1hr 30min 88 marks - 35% Paper 2: 1hr 30min 88 marks - 35% Paper 3: 1hr 15min 76 marks - 30%
Expectations outside of classroom	Complete homework tasks; carry out additional research about case studies; attend after school as well as lunch time revision sessions; revise regularly to prepare for regular school assessments, as well as final exams; collect data during fieldwork for fieldwork exam.
Course description	<p>We follow the AQA Geography GCSE. This an exciting and dynamic course which encourages students to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Become independent and reflective learners • Develop their knowledge and understanding of key geographical issues • Develop an awareness and appreciation of places, environments and cultures • Consider how they can be responsible global citizens and help create a sustainable future • Develop excellent fieldwork skills • Use a range of skills, technologies, enquiry and analysis. <p>Geography requires highly developed extended writing skills due to the new expectations of the GCSE course. All papers are heavily based around case study knowledge and in depth understanding of processes. Top students can easily link their knowledge and understanding of technical concepts to real world situations.</p> <p>These themes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coasts and Rivers • Population and Settlement • Natural Hazards (Earthquakes, Volcanoes, Tropical Storms) • UK Landscape and Weather Hazards • Economic Development and Tourism • Energy Use and Sustainability • Climate Change • Resource Management • Biomes and Climates, including Rainforests and Deserts <p>There is a lot of content delivered during this course so it is essential that students recap and revise regularly. Homework and extension tasks are set regularly to help students with this; as well as after school revision sessions to deepen understanding and exam technique.</p> <p>A course requirement is that students collect data during fieldwork. The students will have to visit one physical landscape and one urban landscape which will then be assessed under exam conditions (Paper 3). The new unit 3 paper consists of fieldwork skills and a decision making exercise based on pre-released materials 12 weeks before the exam. Students will have to make a decision on a topic which has been recently debated in the news. For example: Should a new runway be built at London Heathrow?</p> <p>These events aim to develop understanding of Geographical issues and case studies, as well as encouraging young people to engage in the wider Geographical community.</p> <p>Geography is looked favourably upon by universities because of its wide skills base in: literacy, numeracy, problem solving and critical thinking. Overall, Geography is an exciting and enjoyable course which allows students to understand the world around them.</p>