



WESTONBIRT

— SCHOOL —

Exam Board - AQA

What can I expect from this subject?

This subject has never been more relevant. It helps you to understand many of the global issues that face the planet today, such as environmental responsibility and global interdependence. You will become skilled in research, data analysis and report writing. Fieldwork is also a central component of the course, with two enquires undertaken: one with a physical focus, such as investigating the formation of a river or a coastline, the other human focused, exploring the development of a city such as Bristol. The three units covered are:

Paper 1: Living with the Physical Environment: the challenge of natural hazards, physical landscapes in the UK and the living world.

Paper 2: Challenges in the Human Environment: urban issues and challenges, the changing economic world and the challenge of resource management.

Paper 3: Geographical Applications: issues evaluation, fieldwork and geographical skills. The GCSE consists of 3 exam papers, four hours in total, which you will sit in the summer of Year 11.

What can I do to prepare for this course?

- Watch the news and consider the many links to geography in the events taking place around the world every day.
- Read and research around the subject, for example, follow the UN Sustainable Development goals on Twitter.
- Watch any documentaries that are about human interaction with each other and the world, such as 'Blue Planet' and 'Cities'.
- Practise skills in the field, such as using OS maps and taking photos of geographical importance.

What will my next steps be?

Geography GCSE is a sound foundation to studying A-Level Geography, as well as a broad range of other subjects at Sixth Form. Drawing on both skills from the arts and the sciences, it is an excellent route into a range of different fields, from GIS and climatology, medicine to architecture and teaching.