

Subject	<b>Geography</b>	
Qualification	GCSE	
Exam Board	AQA	
Course summary	The GCSE Geography course is based on a balanced framework of physical and human geography. It allows students to investigate the link between the two themes, and approach and examine the interaction between the man-made and natural worlds.	
What will students learn?	Year 9 content	Students will study <b>The Challenge of Natural Hazards</b> which includes tectonic hazards, weather hazards and climate change and the <b>Changing Economic World</b> which includes economic development and quality of life, reducing the global development gap, economic development in a named Lower Income Country (LIC) and economic change in the UK.
	Year 10 content	Students will study <b>The Living World</b> , which includes ecosystems, tropical rainforests and cold environments. They will also study <b>The Challenge of Resource Management</b> which includes global resource management, resources in the UK and food, and <b>Urban Issues and Challenges</b> which includes the global pattern of urban change, urban growth in a named LIC, urban challenges in the UK and sustainable development of urban areas.
	Year 11 content	Students will study <b>Physical landscapes in the UK</b> , which includes the physical diversity of the UK, coastal landscapes and glacial landscapes. Students will also study an, often controversial, <b>geographical issue</b> using a pre-release resource booklet made available by AQA twelve weeks before the Paper 3 exam. Students will go on a field trip to collect primary data to complete two geographical enquiries, one human and one physical.
How will students be assessed?	<p><b>Exam Assessment:</b> The GCSE Geography course is linear and students will sit three exams at the end of the course.</p> <p><b>Paper 1:</b> Living with the physical environment assesses The challenge of natural hazards, The living world, Physical landscapes in the UK and Geographical skills.</p> <p><b>Paper 2:</b> Challenges in the human environment assesses Urban issues and challenges, The changing economic world, The challenge of resource management and Geographical skills.</p> <p><b>Paper 3:</b> Geographical Applications assesses the Issue evaluation, using the pre-release resource booklet, Fieldwork and Geographical skills.</p>	