



KS4 2025-2027 Year 10 Options – Course Information Leaflet

GCSE Geography

The course will give you the chance to get to grips with some of the big issues which affect our world, and understand the social, economic and physical forces and processes which shape and change our world today.

Consists of four units of study:

1. Living with the Physical Environment – to include Natural Hazards focussing on earthquakes, tropical storms and climate change; the Living World with a focus on tropical rainforest and hot deserts; Physical Landscapes in the UK whereby coastal and river environments are studied.
2. Challenges in the Human Environment – to include Urban Environments comparing living in two contrasting cities and looking at cities in the future; the Changing Economic World explaining why some countries are rich and others poor, plus investigating the UK's changing jobs; Resource Management focussing on food, water and energy supply and demand, plus further research into water management at different scales.
3. Geographical Applications - completing a decision-making task related to a geographical issue; also completing two pieces of fieldwork.
4. Geographical Skills

Fieldwork/Trips

Students will conduct at least two fieldwork visits in contrasting environments and will formulate key questions, gather data, and interpret the data. Fieldwork visits will be within the UK – we currently complete an urban study, either in Shrewsbury or Birmingham; coastal fieldwork at Rhyl in North Wales; a river study in Carding Mill Valley in the Shropshire Hills.

Assessment

Exam 1: 1 hour 30 minutes on Unit 1 the Physical Environment

Exam 2: 1 hour 30 minutes on Unit 2 the Human Environment

Exam 3: 1 hour 15 minutes on Issue Evaluation and Fieldwork techniques.

Note: Unit 4 Geographical Skills are assessed in all three exams.

Further information is available from Mr Guy, Head of Geography