

# KS4 GEOGRAPHY



Qualification	Examination Board	Specification Code
GCSE	Eduqas	C112QS

## Topics Covered

The Geography GCSE is a course that helps us to investigate and understand the natural and human environments that people experience around the globe. We follow a specification that reveals global connections.

The key themes the course covers are:

- Changing places and changing economies
- Changing environments
- Environmental challenges

## Assessment

All pupils sit the same papers, at the end of year 11 (there are no tiers)

Final examinations: 100%. There are THREE papers – all of which are taken at the end of year 11

**Paper One:** 40% of final grade: 1h45m: assesses knowledge of the three themes shown above.

**Paper Two:** 30% of final grade: 1h30m: Problem Solving task: Pupils are presented with a Geographical 'problem' (from the subjects covered during the GCSE course) and three possible solutions. Pupils analyse evidence, choose a solution, and justify their decisions.

**Paper Three:** 30% of final grade: 1h30m: Applied fieldwork enquiry. Pupils will study fieldwork methods during their GCSE course, including at least two fieldwork visits. This exam assesses knowledge of the methods pupils used during their visits, and how fieldwork can be used to investigate other geographical issues, and geographical topics set in a wider UK context.

## Course Progression

A Level Geography, looking some very contemporary topics that often dominate the news, such as Climate Change, Hazards, Globalisation and International Migration.

## Course Outline

The teaching of the GCSE specification builds on the skills and attributes that pupils have developed throughout Enterprise, Innov8 and Year Nine Geography lessons. We are planning to run a three-day residential to the coast of Snowdonia, Wales, to help pupils experience topics from the coasts, rivers, water, and urban topics of their GCSE course. Pupils complete activities such as gorge-walking, sailing and mountain walking so they can see the activities and topics from lessons come alive in the real world.

## Career Opportunities

Employers like geography qualifications because they demonstrate a wide range of skills, including numeracy, empathy, data collection, self-motivation and teamwork skills. Career opportunities such as teaching, environmental health and pollution control are just a few careers open to you.