

Geography Short Course GCSE (OCR)

The aims of this specification are for learners to:

- actively engage in the process of geography to develop as effective and independent learners and as critical and reflective thinkers with enquiring minds
- develop their knowledge and understanding of geographical concepts and appreciate the relevance of these concepts to our changing world
- develop a framework of spatial awareness in which to appreciate the importance of the location of places and environments from local to global
- appreciate the differences and similarities between people's views of the world, its environments, societies and cultures
- understand the significance of values and attitudes to the development and resolution of issues
- develop their responsibilities as global citizens and recognise how they can contribute to a future that is sustainable and inclusive
- develop and apply their learning to the real world through fieldwork and other out of classroom learning
- use geographical skills, appropriate technologies, enquiry and analysis.

The course is assessed through a final exam and a controlled assessment based on individual fieldwork.

Year 11	Topic	Key Questions for Investigation	Assessment
Autumn 1 st	Rivers	<p>How do systems ideas help us to understand physical processes that operate in a river basin?</p> <p>How does river flooding illustrate the interaction between natural processes and human activity?</p> <p>What processes and factors are responsible for distinctive landforms within a river basin?</p>	End of Unit
Autumn 2 nd	Coasts Coastal Fieldwork	<p>What processes and factors are responsible for distinctive coastal landforms?</p> <p>Why is the management of coastlines important?</p>	January mock exam Controlled Assessment
Spring 1 st Spring 2 nd	Economic Development	<p>What is meant by “development”?</p> <p>How and why are there variations between the employment structures of different countries?</p> <p>What determines the location of different economic activities?</p> <p>How do multi-national companies (MNCs) affect development?</p> <p>How can economic activity affect the physical environment at a variety of scales including global?</p>	End of Unit
Summer 1 st	Revision		External Exam