

Geography KS3 and KS4

What are the aims of the course?

- To explore...
 - the relationship between people and the natural environment.
 - current issues affecting Planet Earth, including climate change and sustainability.
 - case studies to find out causes and consequences of physical processes or human activity.
 - our role in society, by considering different viewpoints, values and attitudes.



What is the content of the course?

- **Our World** – Map skills and other geographical skills.
- **The Living World** – Characteristics, uses, impacts and management of tropical rainforests and deserts.
- **The Challenge of Natural Hazards** – Causes, impacts and responses to hazards and climate change.
- **Physical Landscapes of the UK** – Coasts and Rivers – processes, landforms, flooding and management.
- **Urban Issues and Challenges** – Opportunities and challenges of urban growth, change and the management of cities.
- **The Changing Economic World** – Development of countries - reasons for differences between countries and ways to reduce inequalities between countries.
- **The Challenge of Resource Management** – Distribution of resources globally, impacts of increased use of resources and management of them.
- **Two fieldwork investigations** – normally fieldwork will include the study of a local river and a local city.

Compulsory fieldwork and optional trips are also an important and exciting part of the course. There will be a small cost for the fieldwork in Year 10.

What will be assessed during the course?

This is an un-tiered linear course that is assessed by **three separate exams** at the end of Year 11.

Paper 1: Living with the physical environment (35%) – *this will assess the three physical geography topics studied during the GCSE*

Paper 2: Challenges in the human environment (35%) – *this will assess the three physical geography topics studied during the GCSE*

Paper 3: Geographical applications (30%) – *this will assess a current geographical issue (given as a pre-release material), a fictitious fieldwork and the fieldwork students undertake in Year 10.*

Geographical skills are assessed across all three exams, including map skills, numerical skills and geographical literacy. Approximately 5% of the marks in the exams will be allocated to spelling, punctuation and grammar.

What equipment will be required?

A CGP Geography Revision Guide – students can purchase these from the Academy at a discounted price at the start of Year 9. A fully equipped pencil case including a pack of highlighters.

