

## KEY STAGE 4

# KS4 Geography overview

## Exam Board OCR Syllabus B 9 -1

Geography GCSE follows an exciting new syllabus from OCR: Geography B (Geography for Enquiring Minds).

**Why Study Geography? How will it help me with my career path?**

### The Geography KS4 curriculum

(OCR B) is split into several topics which cover a range of specialist areas, and require the development of a range of applicable skills as well as a deepening understanding. Each topic is reflected in the three examinations which all take place at the end of Yr. 11. The content of each exam are shown below.

Content Overview	Assessment Overview	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Global Hazards</li><li>• Changing Climate</li><li>• Distinctive Landscapes</li><li>• Sustaining Ecosystems</li> <li>• Fieldwork</li><li>• Geographical Skills</li></ul>	<b>Our Natural World (01)</b> 70 Marks 1 hour 15 minutes written paper	<b>35%</b> of total GCSE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Urban Futures</li><li>• Dynamic Development</li><li>• UK in the 21st Century</li><li>• Resource Reliance</li> <li>• Fieldwork</li><li>• Geographical Skills</li></ul>	<b>People and Society (02)</b> 70 Marks 1 hour 15 minutes written paper	<b>35%</b> of total GCSE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Geographical Skills</li> <li>• Decision Making Exercise</li></ul>	<b>Geographical Exploration (03)*</b> 60 Marks 1 hour 30 minutes written paper	<b>30%</b> of total GCSE

## Our Programme of study for KS4

Year	Autumn Term1	Autumn Term2	Spring Term 1	Spring Term 2	Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
10	Global Hazard - Tectonics and Climatic Hazards	Dynamic Development	UK in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	Fieldwork	Distinctive Landscapes	Fieldwork
11	Urban Futures	Climate Change Resource Reliance		Sustaining Ecosystems	Revision for paper 1 2 3	Revision for paper 1 2 3

We use PIXL Apps to set weekly revision quizzes to help secure students' knowledge of topics covered in lessons. This helps us to target and focus on areas requiring further development

### **Fieldwork**

There will be at least two fieldwork study trips to help students practice and develop fieldwork skills. In the past students have visited the Peak District to examine the impacts of tourism on the economy and environment, also Hunstanton to examine flood protection with hard and soft engineering schemes and geomorphological processes.

#### Useful Websites for students.

- BBC Bitesize ([www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize) for Key stage 3 and 4
- The Met office (<http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/about-us/who/how/case-studies> )

- KS\$ OCR Bitesize Revision – specific to our exam board

<https://www.bbc.com/education/examspecs/zpsx2p3>