

# GEOGRAPHY

Examination Board: OCR GCSE Geography A  
J383 [GCSE Geography](#)



## Course Description:

This GCSE course encourages learners to think like geographers through the study of geographical themes applied within the context of the UK and the wider world. This structure allows learners to draw synoptic links between the content within the comparable themes. The course gives a prominent position to fieldwork and other geographical skills whilst ensuring they are embedded within the student's knowledge and understanding of geographical themes. This course will provide learners with a solid grounding, whether they are going on to Further Education, Higher Education or the workplace. It aims to inspire a passion for geography within learners which encourages an interest in the subject beyond academic achievements. Students will cover a range of topics which will develop their knowledge of locations, places, environments and processes, and of different scales including local, national and global; and of social, political and cultural contexts.

## Assessment:

This qualification is assessed through three exam papers.

**Living in the UK Today:** This paper assesses knowledge and understanding of the following elements- landscapes of the UK, people of the UK and UK environmental challenges. It is 1 hour long, 60 marks and worth 30%.

**The World Around Us:** This paper assesses knowledge and understanding of the following elements- ecosystems of the planet, people of the planet, environmental threats to our planet. It is 1 hour long, 60 marks and worth 30%.

**Geographical Skills:** This paper assesses students understanding of geographical fieldwork, as well as broader geographical skills such as photo analysis, and interpreting maps and graphs as well as assessing fieldwork skills from two trips out. It is an hour 30 minutes, 80 marks and worth 40%.

There is no coursework for this qualification.

*There are two trips which are a compulsory aspect of the course, these involve a cost of around £15 each*

## Why Study Geography?

*Geography is the topic of the future. Our future depends on our relationship with the planet.*

Geography helps you to make sense of the world around you. It is hands on, it is relevant and it is fun. This GCSE course is a good mix of topics such as urban issues, world development, inequality, environmental challenges, rivers and coasts to name but a few. The course will give you the chance to get to grips with some of the big questions which affect our world and understand the social, economic and physical forces and processes which shape and change our world. There are so many ways of learning in geography. It is very practical with opportunities to learn new skills such as modern computer based mapping (called GIS), map skills, interpreting photographs, fieldwork skills, presenting, role play and debating techniques. There has never been a better or more important time to study geography so release your inner Attenborough and change the world by taking geography at GCSE.



**Further information on Geography can be obtained from Miss R Brenton, Head of Geography.**

