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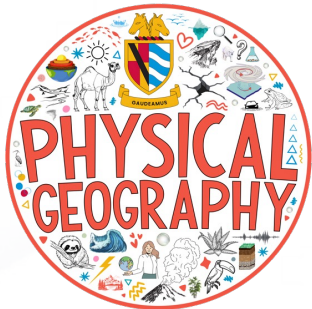
## GEOGRAPHY

Studying geography allows you to travel the world via the classroom and learn about natural and social sciences. You will understand how Geography impacts everyday life and discover the world's key opportunities and challenges. You will also develop academic and life skills, from writing, teamwork and communication to analytical skills.

Much of the content is based on real-life case studies to enable students of all abilities to learn and develop. This exciting course is balanced between physical and human Geography. It allows you to investigate the link between the two themes and approach and examine the battles between the man-made and natural worlds.

Students who complete the course will have the skills and experience to progress onto A-level and beyond.

In the AQA Geography GCSE course, the subject content is split into two main areas:



### **Living with the Physical Environment:**

- Rivers and Coasts
- Tectonic and Climatic Hazards (Volcanoes, Earthquakes, and Tropical Storms)
- The Living World (Ecosystems – focusing on Rainforests and Hot Deserts)



### **Challenges in the Human Environment:**

- Urban Environments (e.g., issues faced by cities and potential solutions)
- The Changing Economic World (e.g., reasons for variations in quality of life globally and actions to improve less developed regions)
- Managing Resources - food, water, and energy.



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Geographical skills are taught throughout the course (e.g., drawing and interpreting graphs, understanding maps, aerial photographs, satellite images, etc.). Pupils will learn to apply theory to real-life situations and make decisions based on real-world issues.

At the GCSE level, students must study case studies and examples from around the world, including the United Kingdom. Case studies are broader in context and require greater depth and breadth of knowledge and understanding. They will provide an excellent platform for studying geography at A-level.

### How will I be assessed?

You will have three written exams. Papers 1 and 2 are 1 hour and 30 minutes long, contributing to 70% of your final mark. Paper 3 also lasts 1 hour and 30 minutes, accounting for the final 30% of your GCSE grade. This exam focuses on fieldwork and decision-making issues.

Please note that working outside the classroom is required for the course. Students will experience a one-day field trip to collect primary (firsthand) data, followed by in-class analysis and secondary research.



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