

Geography GCSE

Exam Board: OCR B
Course Code: J384

Geography seeks to answer questions such as:

- Why does Leicester have a shortage of school places especially at primary school level?
- Leicester is one of the most congested cities in the UK. What can possibly be done about it?
- Why are new developments like the new residential extension in Hamilton so controversial?

Geography course overview

Geography is an exciting subject that encompasses modern day issues and opens the door to a variety of options in further education. Geography gives you access to the most exotic and diverse elements of our world; from indigenous people of distant cultures, to rare species and the nature of our planet.

How is the course assessed?

Examination Paper – 1hr 15mins ‘Our World’ (35% of the GCSE)

Topics include **global hazards, changing climates, distinctive landscapes and sustaining ecosystems**. Fieldwork is an important part of this section. ICT and the use of GIS are encouraged throughout this unit.

Examination Paper – 1hr 15mins ‘People and Society’ (35% of the GCSE)

Topics include **urban futures, dynamic development, UK in the 21st century and resource reliance**. Fieldwork is an important part of this component. ICT and the use of GIS are encouraged throughout this unit.

Geographical Exploration

1hr 30mins ‘Geographical Exploration’ (25% of the GCSE)

A Sustainable Decision Making exercise forms the important part of this component. This tests your ability to apply the ideas contained in the first two components to a scenario.

Is this course for you?

- Students who love learning about people and their societies, economies, cultures and the environment
- Students who are keen to learn and develop a wide range of skills
- Students who are looking for an academic degree, offering above average graduate employability.

What could this course lead to?

The course provides an excellent progression route into A-level Geography. Geography graduates are extremely employable because of the range of skills that they learn and develop. It can be a successful step into a whole world of careers such as Business, Law, Economics, Media, Politics, Tourism, Industry, the Armed Forces and the Emergency Services.

Who can I contact for further advice or support?

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