

Introduction to GCSE Geography A

Why study Geography?

Are you interested in the world all around you? Do you want to be able to make informed decisions about where to work, where to live and where to go on holiday? Are you concerned about the environment? Do you want to develop skills you will find useful long after you have left school? There has never been a better time to study Geography. It leads to a qualification which links to many other subjects and is highly valued by employers.

You will study:

- * People and the Physical World, covering plate tectonics, rivers and coasts;
- * People and Places to Live, covering population and settlement;
- * People and their Needs, covering the quality of life, economic activities and energy;
- * People and the Environment, covering local environments and the global environment.

You will learn:

- * Map skills;
- * How to use ICT (Information and Communication Technology);
- * How to collect and interpret data gained through fieldwork;
- * How to make decisions and solve problems.

Assessment:

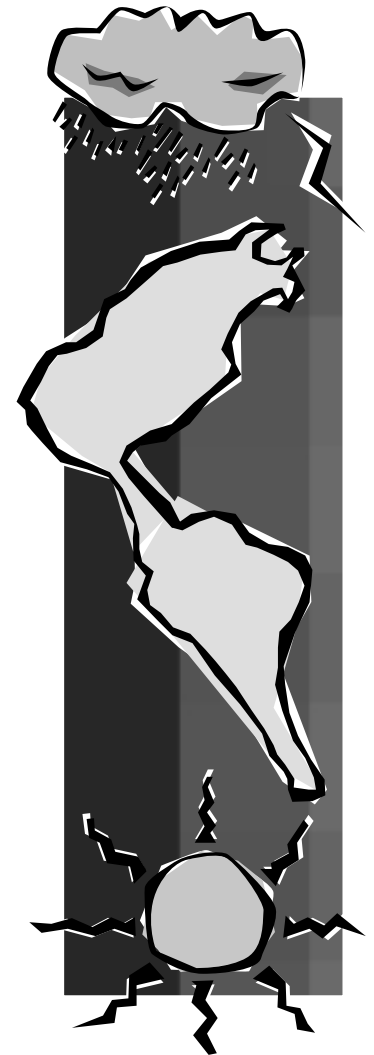
There is a choice between two levels of entry: Foundation and Higher. At Foundation level (Papers 1 and 3) the grades available are G to C and at Higher level (Papers 2 and 4) the grades available are D to A*.

Coursework

During the course, you will complete one piece of coursework. This will involve collecting information through fieldwork. Your enquiry will normally be 2500 – 3000 words in length and must use ICT at appropriate points.

Examination

At the end of the course you will take two examination papers. The first lasts 2 hours and will test knowledge and understanding. The second lasts 1 hour and will test skills and understanding.



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