

## GCSE Geography B (Full or Short Course)



Our Geography B specification takes a familiar approach and has been built around the popular existing qualifications: Geography A, Avery Hill, and Bristol Project. This quality specification has been updated to reflect modern geography. It provides an excellent start for learners who want to pursue Geography at A Level or as a career, as it covers a wide range of topics to help them become well-rounded geographers.

### Our GCSE Geography B specification:

- Allows learners to develop geographical skills such as the use of GIS, enquiry and analysis through practical fieldwork and research, motivating learners to study and helping them form transferable skills
- Covers the four key themes of geography – *rivers and coasts*, *population and settlement*, *natural hazards*, and *economic development* – similar to themes which have proved to be so popular in the withdrawn Avery Hill specification
- Develops learners' understanding of global geographical issues and how to apply these to a range of contexts while in the process developing decision-making life skills
- Enables teachers to adapt current resources to suit future needs
- Also available as a Short Course, two themes will be assessed – rivers and coasts and economic development.

## Course details

	Unit	Assessment Type	Duration	Weighting
Full Course	Unit B561: Sustainable Decision Making	Written examination	1 hour	25%
	Unit B562: Geographical Enquiry	Controlled assessment: two pieces (Fieldwork Focus 1200 words; Geographical Investigation 800 words)		25%
Short Course	Unit B563: Key Geographical Themes	Written examination	1 hour 30 mins	50%
	Unit A771: Geographical Enquiry	Controlled assessment: two pieces (Fieldwork Focus 1200 words; Geographical Investigation 800 words)		50%
	Unit A772: Key Geographical Themes	Written examination	1 hour	50%

## Also available for teaching – GCSE Geography A

This specification offers a fresh perspective on a wide range of updated topics, such as sustainability and globalisation, to capture the imagination and interest of you and your learners. Visit [www.ocr.org.uk/geographya/gcse](http://www.ocr.org.uk/geographya/gcse) for details.



## Controlled assessment – what is it?

Controlled assessment is coursework in a supervised environment and it replaced coursework from September 2009. This has been introduced by QCDA, to address some of the issues raised in coursework reviews, such as plagiarism.

## Support and training

After extensive research and consultation with teachers, we have developed a range of support materials for you. They have been designed to save you time in preparing and to support you in teaching our GCSE Geography B specification. They include:

- INSET training (full day course)
- Sample Assessment Materials (SAMs) for each unit
- Sample Schemes of Work and Lesson Plans
- Teacher's Handbook
- Endorsed publisher materials from Heinemann, including a Student Book and a Teacher Resource Book
- Guide to controlled assessment
- Answers@OCR is a new service available where you can access specific and up-to-date information about our GCSE Geography qualifications by visiting <http://answers.ocr.org.uk>



## For further help and support

- Call our Customer Contact Centre on **01223 553998**
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Download the specification and available support materials at

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