

# Geography

AQA GCSE – Specification 8035

## Introduction

Geography GCSE will open your eyes to the world around you and provide you with a wide range of skills that are highly sought after by employers:

“Geography is about the living, breathing essence of the world we live in. It explains the past, illuminates the present, and prepares us for the future. What could be more important than that?” (Michael Palin 2007)

## How is the course structured?

Geography GCSE is composed of 3 units. You will be examined on:

Unit Title:	% of total GCSE
Unit 1: Living with the Physical	(35%)
Unit 2: Challenges in the Human Environment	(35%)
Unit 3: Geographical Applications	(30%)

### Unit 1 (1.5 hour exam):

The Challenge of Natural Hazards – Understanding the impacts that Natural Hazards have on the Human Population

Physical Landscapes in the UK – Understanding the diverse landscapes of the UK, including our coasts and river systems.

The Living World – Understanding the world’s Ecosystems, including Tropical Rainforests and Hot Deserts.

### Unit 2 (1.5 hour exam):

Urban Issues and Challenges – Why do we have such a diverse variety of Human Environments?

The Changing Economic World – What are the global variations in Economic Development and Quality of Life?

The Challenge of Resource Management – Why is the distribution of food, water and energy resources uneven?

### Unit 3 (1 hour exam):

Issue Evaluation – Based on Pre-Release Material surrounding a particular Geographical Issue, it will involve critical thinking and problem solving, by using the secondary resources made available to you.

Fieldwork – There will be two fieldwork investigations, that will involve data collection and a mixture of Physical and Human Geographies.

## How will I be assessed?

Your Unit 1 and Unit 2 assessments will take in May/June 2020, at the end of Year 11.

Your Unit 3 Pre-Release Material will become available in March 2020, ready for preparation work.

Fieldwork will take place in Year 10 and Year 11.

