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| Geography - GCSE |
| Exam Board | AQA | Course Code | 8035 |
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| Outline of course | Students study a range of case study examples from around the world, and investigate some of the world’s biggest issues, problems and opportunities. Some of the topics covered are: natural hazards (including earthquakes, typhoons and flooding); rivers and coasts; different environments; resource management; changing cities and economies. Fieldwork is an essential element of the course, and involves two day trips; one to a major city in the UK and the other to the coast, both to collect data and complete investigations. |
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| Method(s) of Assessment | Paper 1: Living with the physical environmentWritten examination: 1 hour 30 minutes – 35% of qualificationPaper 2: Challenges in the human environmentWritten examination: 1 hour 30 minutes – 35% of qualificationPaper 3: Geographical applicationsWritten examination: 1 hour 15 minutes – 30% of qualificationPre-release resources are made available prior to this exam. Here the students evaluate an issue and are tested on their geographical and field work skills and knowledge. |
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| Choose this subject if.. | You are interested in how the world works geography is a study of the world around us, including investigating the major problems that the world faces and how to solve these problems. If you are inquisitive and are keen on solving problems, and issues and making the world a better place, then this is an ideal subject for you.You should be prepared to develop a wide range of skills including analysing maps, photographs, charts, data etc.Please be aware that geography is a content rich subject, and students must be prepared to learn key geographical information and make it part of their own personal common knowledge. |
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| Possible careers/ future pathways | Employers love the mix of technical and social skills people get from studying geography, which they see as very **transferable,**i.e. useful for a whole range of jobs. According to the Royal Geographical Society, geography graduates have some of the highest rates of graduate employment. Geography is great for any kind of career that involves the environment, planning, or collecting and interpreting data. Popular careers for people with geography qualifications include: town or transport planning; surveying; conservation; sustainability; waste and water management; environmental planning; tourism and weather forecasting.The army, police, government, research organisations, law and business world also see great value in the practical research skills that geographers develop.  |