

Course Title	GCSE Geography
Exam Board	AQA
Exam Board Website	<a href="https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/gcse/geography-8035">https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/gcse/geography-8035</a>
Course Code	8035
Controlled Assessment/Exam Weighting	100% Examination

### Course Description:

'In our changing world nothing changes more than Geography'. Geography is the study of places and the relationships between people and their environments. We consider the power and force of natural phenomena, sustainability and the future direction of an increasingly global world.

The course involves study of both living with physical environments and challenges of human environments which link the arts and the sciences. It is highly flexible in terms of what you can combine it with, both at GCSE, A-Level and beyond. GCSE Geography covers a wide variety of topics providing an insight into the most important and relevant issues we face.

In Human Geography students consider the reasons why urban areas emerge and how they change over time and with over 75% people living in them by 2050 highlighting the importance of study. There is a focus on global wealth and development of different areas where students consider why and how this gap between countries is created and how we can fix it as well as the North-South divide in our own country. Lastly, there is emphasis on resources such as food, water and energy and the challenges we face in providing these nationally and globally.

Physical Geography explores how global changes create hazards which pose threats to people and the environment, a focus on global ecosystems and how they provide both opportunities and challenges alongside a look along our rivers and coastline which have been formed over millions of years.

The course also allows students to carry out primary data collection in two different settings; a physical landscape and an urban area. Students develop skills in the field including transferrable skills.

### Assessment:

The course is assessed during the summer term of Year 11 and consists of 3 examinations.

#### 1. Paper 1 - Physical Geography

1 hour 30 minutes  
Worth 35% of GCSE

#### 2. Paper 2 - Human Geography

1 hour 30 minutes  
Worth 35% of GCSE

#### 3. Paper 3 - Geographical Applications

1 hour 15 minutes  
Worth 30% of GCSE

This course is suitable for:

People who are curious about the world around them and the biggest and most pressing issues affecting the future of our populations and their environments. It requires pupils to take a keen interest in their local area as well as more national and global issues. Geography requires pupils to have good literacy and numeracy skills along with an appetite for exploring the environment around us. Studying Geography is incredibly rewarding for those who want to develop a wide range of transferrable skills and a solid grounding of the way the world works.

### Careers/Jobs

Geographers are very employable and valued highly in the workplace for their ability to solve problems, consider a variety of approaches and for the range of data analysis used. Geography is multidisciplinary with a focus on the study of nature, the physical sciences, mathematics alongside sociology, economics and politics.

Geography specialists work for many different employers and sectors, including Engineering, Education, the Legal Sector, Architecture, Sustainability and the Environment, Town Planning, Disaster Management, GIS, Travel, National Parks and many more.

At Etone College Sixth Form, pupils can continue studying A-Level Geography provided they meet the entry requirements where they can build on key themes and issues considering a more critical approach to Geographical phenomena.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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