

Geography KS4 Curriculum

Exam Board Used: Edexcel Geography B

As part of their GCSE Geography studies, students must complete 3 components over two years:

Component 1: Global Geographical Issues: 37.5% 1 Hour 30 minute Examination

- Hazardous Earth
- Development Dynamics
- Challenges of an Urbanising World

Component 2: UK Geographical Issues: 37.5% 1 Hour 30 minute Examination

- UK's Evolving Physical Landscape (including Rivers and Coasts)
- UK's Evolving Human Landscape (including Rural and Urban areas)
- **Geographical Investigations:** Physical Investigation –River Flooding/ Human Investigation –Urban Quality of Life

Component 3: People and Environment Issues – Making Geographical Decisions: 25% 1 Hour 30 minute Examination

- People and the biosphere
- Forests under threat
- Consuming energy resources
- Making a geographical decision

The students will cover the topics in the order below:

	Term One	Term Two	Term Three
Year 10	1. Component 1: Hazardous Earth, Development dynamics	1. Component 1: Challenges of an urbanising world 2. Component 2: The UK's Physical Landscape- Coasts	1. Component 2: The UK's Physical Landscape- Rivers 2. Component 2: Fieldwork Visits
Year 11	1. Component 2: The UK's Evolving Human landscape- Urban and Rural	1. Component 3: People and the biosphere, Forests under threat, consuming energy resources.	1. Exam Revision for Components 1-3

Fieldwork

The students will undertake 2 compulsory fieldwork days as part of the course. We will visit Hamsterley Forest to conduct a river characteristics study as part of the physical fieldwork requirements. We will visit different areas of Newcastle to assess quality of life as part of the human fieldwork requirements.