

Leisure & Tourism

GCSE AQA

General information

What are students expected to learn in Leisure and Tourism? Students are expected to learn about the different sorts of places that people visit in the UK and abroad – beach (or seaside) resorts, cities, ski resorts and national parks. They need to understand about how people travel to these places and about the effects that they have on the environment and on local people. They also need to know about the different types of leisure and tourism facilities ranging from leisure centres to multiscreen cinemas and from theme parks to airports.

How is the course assessed?

AQA External examination - Unit 1 – (40% weighting)

Of the marks, 40% will come from external examination. For GCSE that means a 1-hour exam which tests knowledge of the subject and how well students can apply, analyse and evaluate this in given leisure and tourism scenarios.

AQA Controlled assessment – Unit 2 – (60% weighting)

Of the marks, 60% will be from the controlled assessment of coursework. Students will undertake investigative project work into leisure and tourism organisations and destinations. Then they score marks for the quality of their research and what they learn from it.

What Year 11 students should be doing:

- Planning how they intend to make the best use of the research time available so that they understand what they are going to write during the controlled assessments;
- Carrying out internet research into the leisure and tourism activities, facilities and businesses in Leicester;
- Visiting Leicester organisations in the leisure and tourism industry to obtain leaflets, brochures, photographs and any other useful information that could be used during the controlled assessments;
- Ensuring that all deadlines are being met so that staff can determine whether or not students are researching correctly.
- Retaining knowledge and understanding of leisure and tourism around the world by regularly reading through the notes and assessment from Year 10.

How parents and carers can help students to achieve:

- Show an active interest in students knowledge and understanding of leisure and tourism in Leicester;
- Encourage students to visit leisure and tourism organisations in the city to collect the information – go with them, maybe;
- Ask students, each week, what they are researching, what the information will be used for and when they need it by.
- Look through their work from Year 11 and Year 10 and ask them to explain it to you.

Who can you contact for further Information / advice?

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