

Geography

Exam Board: OCR B
Course Code: J384

Geography seeks to answer questions such as:

- Why does Leicester have a shortage of school places especially at primary school level?
- Leicester is one of the most congested cities in the UK. What can possibly be done about it?
- Why are new developments like the new residential extension in Hamilton so controversial?

• Geography course overview

Geography is an exciting subject that encompasses modern day issues and opens the door to a variety of options in further education. Geography gives you access to the most exotic and diverse elements of our world; from indigenous people of distant cultures, to rare species and the nature of our planet.

How is the course assessed?

Examination Paper – 1hr 15mins ‘Our World’ (35% of the GCSE)

Topics include **global hazards, changing climates, distinctive landscapes and sustaining ecosystems**. Fieldwork is an important part of this section. ICT and the use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) are encouraged throughout this unit.

Examination Paper – 1hr 15mins ‘People and Society’ (35% of the GCSE)

Topics include **urban futures, dynamic development, UK in the 21st century and resource reliance**. Fieldwork is an important part of this component. ICT and the use of GIS are encouraged throughout this unit.

Geographical Exploration

1hr 30mins ‘Geographical Exploration’ (25% of the GCSE)

A Sustainable Decision Making exercise forms the important part of this component. This tests your ability to apply the ideas contained in the first two components to a scenario.

Is this course for you?

- Students who love learning about people and their societies, economies, cultures and the environment
- Students who are keen to learn and develop a wide range of skills
- Students who are looking for an academic degree, offering above average graduate employability.

What could this course lead to?

The course provides an excellent progression route into A-level Geography. Geography graduates are extremely employable because of the range of skills that they learn and develop. It can be a successful step into a whole world of careers such as Business, Law, Economics, Media, Politics, Tourism, Industry, the Armed Forces and the Emergency Services.

Who can I contact for further advice or support?

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