

Key Stage 4 Curriculum and Assessment

We study the AQA Geography Specification (8035). This exciting and relevant course offers:

- The links between physical and human geography
- An insight into future challenges such as climate change, poverty, and the challenge of sustainable resource use.
- An awareness of human's responsibility to other people, the environment, and the future of the planet

Fieldwork and Enrichment trips at Key Stage 4

The department aims to enrich students' learning of geographical concepts beyond the classroom and offers a range of fieldwork opportunities including:

- Urban studies in Leeds
- Coastal processes and geology studies along the Holderness Coast
- Local Rivers Investigation
- Enrichment trip to Sorrento, Italy in the summer term for Year 10

Unit Content Assessment

Unit 1 Living with the Physical Environment

This is a 1 hour and 30 minute exam. Students must answer all questions. The paper is worth 88 marks including 3 marks for Spelling, Punctuation, Grammar & Specialist Terminology (SPGST). The paper is worth 35% of the full GCSE.

The content for this unit are the topics Natural Hazards, Physical Landscapes and The Living World.

Unit 2 Challenges in the Human Environment

This is a 1 hour and 30 minute exam. The paper is worth 88 marks including 3 marks for Spelling, Punctuation, Grammar and Specialist Terminology (SPGST). The paper is worth 35% of the full GCSE. The content for this unit are the topics Urban Issues and Challenges, The Changing Economic World and Resource Management.

Unit 3 Geographical Applications

This is a 1 hour written exam which is worth 30% of the full GCSE

Section A involves an Issue Evaluation which will develop critical thinking and problem solving and will require students to apply geographical skills and knowledge to an issue that is printed as a pre-release topic in the months prior to the exam.

Section B focuses on Fieldwork. Students need to complete 2 geographical enquiries which includes the use of primary data. Students will be required to answer questions about the fieldwork process in the exam and will need to refer to their own fieldwork enquiry results.