

GEOGRAPHY GCSE



Geography is concerned with the study of the natural and human processes that occur on the surface of the Earth. It increasingly deals with the environmental and economic issues that affect our everyday lives and the causes of these changes. Geography also looks to the future of our planet and how it can be managed in a sustainable way for future generations.

The GCSE syllabus involves three elements:

1) *The Core topics*

River Processes and Management
Climate Change
Earthquakes and Volcanic Hazards
Changing Populations
Globalisation
Development

*These elements are worth **40%** of the final mark and are examined at the end of year 10.*

2) *Optional topics*

Weather and Climate Hazards
Tourism
Retail and Urban Change

*These topics are worth **35%** and are examined in Year 11.*

3) *Fieldwork & Skills*

This involves:

- a) Producing a short project based on residential fieldwork on the Gower in Year 10.
- b) A skills-based problem solving exercise in Year 11.

*These two pieces of work are worth **25%** in total.*

Year 10 residential fieldwork to Port Eynon, Gower

