



## 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***

Retail and Urban Change  
Tourism  
Coastal Processes

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

3) ***Fieldwork & Skills***

This involves:

- a) Producing a short river study based on residential fieldwork on the Gower in Year 10.
- b) A decision making exercise on retail change in Year 11.

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

### Year 10 residential fieldwork to Port Eynon, Gower

