



Course Information – September 2011

Course Title GCSE Geography

Level 2

Awarding Body OCR B

What is the content of the course?

In year 10 students study elements of human and physical geography. The human units cover issues in population management, migration, urbanisation, shanty towns, problems facing world cities, retail and sustainable cities. Students will then study physical geography investigating river and coastal environments by studying the processes that take place here and their management. During year 10 students will build on their decision making skills ready for their DME exam in June of year 10. The coursework component is studied in year 11 followed by units covering natural hazards, economic systems, global development, poverty and the impacts of multi-national companies. Students will use skills in decision making, ICT, analysis, research, presentation, evaluation and learn to become more independent in their learning. They will also get the opportunity to take part in fieldwork to study river environments and for their coursework.

How is the course assessed?

	%	Details:
End of course exams	50	Taken at the end of year 11 and covers 3 of the 4 units studied over the course.
Modular exams	30	Taken at the end of year 10 and covers 1 of the 2 units studied in year.
Controlled Assessment	20	Completed in the autumn term of year 11 included a essay and write up from a piece of fieldwork.
Portfolio		

How is this course delivered?

The course is taught through mainly teacher led activities but with an emphasis on developing skills. A balance of theoretical and practical work is used to encourage active involvement to enthuse and stimulate interest in the subject. The department benefits from having an ICT base-allowing course content to be delivered using ICT and allow skills in Geographical information systems to be developed. Teaching of fieldwork skills is also used to enable students to measure and analyse patterns/issues in a real world context and apply theoretical knowledge gained in the classroom.

What are the entry requirements?

Entry requirements are a level 5 + in Geography at Key Stage 3.

What skills are useful for success on this course?

Decision making, ICT, ability to work independently and as part of a team, literacy, numeracy, investigative skills, presentation and the ability to be innovative and hard working.

What opportunities will success on this course give me?

Many of our students continue their study into AS and A2 level building on the knowledge and skills gained at GCSE. The course also provides students with many necessary skills for work-based placements, the world of work and further education. Skills in decision-making, analysis, enquiry, problem solving and fieldwork are developed which are transferable to many other aspects of life.