

Curriculum Overview

	Winter Term		Spring Term		Summer Term	
	Half Term 1	Half Term 2	Half Term 1	Half Term 2	Half Term 1	Half Term 2
Year 10	The Challenge of Natural Hazards	The Living World		The Changing Economic World		Physical Landscapes in the UK
					Applications: Fieldwork	
Year 11	Urban Issues and Challenges	The Challenge of Resource Management		Applications: Issue Evaluation		
			Examination Skills & Revision			

Subject Specific Skills

GCSE Geography students will be assessed against the following objectives:

AO1: Demonstrate knowledge of locations, places, processes, environments and different scales.

AO2: Demonstrate geographical understanding of: concepts and how they are used in relation to places, environments and processes; the relationships between places, environments and processes.

AO3: Apply knowledge and understanding to interpret, analyse and evaluate geographical information and issues to make judgements.

AO4: Select, adapt and use a variety of skills and techniques to investigate questions and issues and communicate findings.

A full list of relevant **geographical skills** can be found in the specification, which can be downloaded here: <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/gcse/geography-8035>

Methods of Assessment and Exam Structure

The current GCSE (last exams 2017) is assessed as follows:

Unit 1: Living in the Physical Environment - Written Exam - 1 hour 30 mins - 88 marks - 35%

Unit 2: Challenges in the Human Environment - Written Exam - 1 hour 30 mins - 88 marks - 35%

Unit 3: Geographical Applications – Written Exam - 1 hour 15 mins - 60 marks - 30%

Students answer **three questions** from each paper (corresponding to the topics outlined in the curriculum map). Question types include: multiple choice, short answer, levels of response, extended prose.

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Should you have any questions regarding your child's progress in geography, please feel free to contact members of staff at the following email addresses: p.blackburn@nishkamschools.org and a.vaughan@nishkamschools.org.

How parents and carers can help

All students are given the opportunity to purchase **CGP GCSE Revision Guides** at a discounted rate through the Humanities Faculty. Should you wish to purchase a revision guide independently, they are available from the following website: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/>
The '**Cool Geography**' website (<http://www.coolgeography.co.uk>) contains detailed notes and case studies, although this is designed for the old GCSE, much of it is still relevant. **BBC Bitesize** also provides useful revision tools e.g. notes, quizzes, videos and a mobile revision app.

Specimen Papers and other resources can found on the AQA website: <http://www.aqa.org.uk>