

# Mayflower High School

## DESCRIPTION OF THE COURSE

Geography is a highly topical subject, ever changing as world events unfold. The GCSE Geography course will help make sense of what is going on in the world around you. The GCSE is contemporary, dynamic and exciting. It will encourage you to become a global citizen by exploring peoples' place in the world, their values and responsibilities to others and the environment.

GCSE Geography provides a clear progression from Key Stage 3 Geography. It will help you to be more aware of everyday situations and issues faced by people in the UK and globally. You will make links between the topics and learn through an enquiry approach.

Geography has strong links with other subjects including Science, Mathematics, RS, History, Lifeskills and ICT and is ideal for a balanced curriculum.

The Geography GCSE will enable you to use and develop a wide range of essential skills and techniques such as communication, problem solving, enquiring and decision making which are transferrable across subjects and of course into the world of work. It will also develop more subject specific skills including fieldwork, cartographic (map), graphical, numerical and statistical skills.

The course provides an excellent foundation for A Level Geography.

The study of Geography leads to a wide range of careers and is valued as an academic qualification by both employers and Universities.

Examination Board: OCR

Specification: J384

## CONTENT OF THE COURSE

OCR GCSE (9-1) Geography B (Geography for Enquiring Minds)

The specification consists of three units **(01, 02, 03)**

Our Natural World (01)	People and Society (02)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Global Hazards (<i>eg Earthquakes, Volcanoes, Tropical Storms</i>)</li> <li>• Changing Climate (<i>eg. Global Warming</i>)</li> <li>• Distinctive Landscapes (<i>eg. Rivers and Coast</i>)</li> <li>• Sustaining Ecosystems (<i>eg. Rainforests and Polar</i>)</li> <li>• Fieldwork</li> <li>• Geographical Skills</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urban Futures (<i>eg. Megacities, Urban Change in the UK, Migration, Africa and South America</i>)</li> <li>• Dynamic Development (<i>eg. LIDC/AC/EDC Development Strategies. Why is Africa less developed?</i>)</li> <li>• UK in the 21st Century (<i>eg. Our Changing: Population, Businesses, Media, Conflicts</i>)</li> <li>• Resource Reliance (<i>eg. Food and Water</i>)</li> <li>• Fieldwork</li> <li>• Geographical Skills</li> </ul>
Geographical Exploration (03)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geographical Skills</li> <li>• Decision Making Exercise</li> </ul>	

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## Fieldwork

Fieldwork is an essential element of the GCSE Geography course. It must take place on at least two occasions, in contrasting locations and in both physical and human geographical contexts. It will be assessed within the **Our Natural World (01) and People and Society (02)** Units. We currently offer two fieldwork days to cover the requirements of the specification. NB: This will have a cost which will be advised at the start of the course.

## ASSESSMENT METHODS

- **(01) Our Natural World: 35%** of total GCSE 70 Marks 1 hour 15 minutes written paper.
- **(02) People and Society: 35%** of total GCSE 70 Marks 1 hour 15 minutes written paper.
- **(03) Geographical Exploration: 30%** of total GCSE 60 Marks 1 hour 30 minutes written paper.

## GRADING

GCSE Geography will be graded using the 9-1 scale.

## CONTACTS

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