



Geography KS4

GCSE Short Fat Geography (1 year)

Term 1

People and the Planet unit. Six topics will be covered: Population Dynamics, Consuming Resources, Globalisation, Development Dilemmas, The Changing Economy of the UK, and The Challenges of an Urban World.

Controlled assessment task based on an urban fieldwork day in mid-October-early November.

Term 2

People and the Planet unit completed.

Dynamic Planet unit. Six topics to be covered: Restless Earth, Changing Climate, Battle for the Biosphere, Water World, River Processes and Pressures, Extreme Environments.

Term 3

Dynamic Planet unit completed.

Preparation for Making Geographical Decisions unit. In this unit students prepare for a 1 hour 30 minutes decision making examination.

GCSE Long thin Geography (3 years)

ON the "Long Thin" route the students will follow the same course, and study the units in the same order. The course will be taught over a 3 year period with two hours teaching per week.

On the "Long Thin" route the students will do their controlled assessment in the autumn term of Y10.

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Controlled assessment task based on an urban fieldwork day in mid-October-early November.

Year 2

People and the Planet unit completed.

Dynamic Planet unit. Six topics to be covered: Restless Earth, Changing Climate, Battle for the Biosphere, Water World, River Processes and Pressures, Extreme Environments.

Year 3

Dynamic Planet unit completed.

Preparation for Making Geographical Decisions unit. In this unit students prepare for a 1 hour 30 minutes decision making examination.

What you can do as a parent to support your child throughout this course

Encourage students to monitor the media for current examples of the topics that they will be studying in Geography. We would always encourage parents to discuss what their child is studying and how it links into the 'real' world. It is also often interesting to share with students what parents studied in Geography at school and see how things have changed!

Assessment Procedures & Key dates

In Key Stage 4 for much of the GCSE course students are working on topics that are part of the Dynamic Planet, and People and the Planet units. Students' progress is assessed through some sampled pieces of routine class and homework, for which written feedback is given. But mainly



through past exam paper questions for the topic, which are graded using exam board marking schemes.

For unit 3 making Geographical Decisions students work is assessed in lessons in the final stage of the course leading up to the terminal exam.

For unit 4 The Controlled Assessment student progress is assessed against the exam board marking criteria with students self-assessing their work against the criteria and staff giving the appropriate level of permitted guidance.

Students will also regularly peer and self-assess their answers to exam questions in order to share their learning.

Marking & feedback Policy: Key points

Students will be given feedback in the form of WWW (what went well) and EBI (even better if) comments. They will be expected to follow up the EBI comments and make the identified improvements.