

KEY STAGE 4 CURRICULUM INFORMATION

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Examination Board	OCR	Specification Code	Geography B: Geography for Enquiring Minds
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SUBJECT CONTENT

Paper 1 -Our Natural World

Topic 1 Global Hazards – how can weather be hazardous? How do plate tectonics shape our world?

Topic 2 Changing Climate – What evidence is there to suggest climate change is a natural process?

Topic 3 Distinctive Landscapes – What makes a landscape distinctive? What influences the landscape in the UK?

Topic 4 Sustaining Ecosystems – Why are natural ecosystems important? Why should tropical rainforests matter to us? Is there more to polar environments than ice?

Paper 2 - People and Society

Topic 5 Urban Futures – Why do more than half the world's population live in urban areas? What are the challenges and opportunities for cities today?

Topic 6 Dynamic Development – Why are some countries richer than others? Are LIDCs likely to stay poor?

Topic 7 UK in the 21st Century – How is the UK changing in the 21st century? Is the UK losing its global significance?

Topic 8 Resource reliance – Will we run out of natural resources? Can we feed nine billion people by 2050?

Students are also required to know about specific places and be able to refer to this in the exam. There are 12 case studies from around the world and many links to the UK. Students can use their own place knowledge and experiences as well as the places we study in class.

- Natural weather event in the UK
- Natural weather event non-UK based
- Tectonic event that is hazardous to people: causes, consequences and response to the event
- Coastal landscape in the UK
- River basin in the UK
- Tropical rainforest: sustainable management

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- Arctic / Antarctic: small scale sustainable management (e.g. sustainable tourism / conservation and whaling)
- Arctic / Antarctic: global example of sustainable management (e.g. Antarctic treaty)

We alternate between teaching Paper 1 topics and Paper 2 topics. The order can be seen on the Geography River of Learning.

HOW WILL STUDENTS BE ASSESSED?

Paper 1 – Our Natural World: 1 hour 15 minutes.

Questions on topics one to four plus physical geography field work (rivers).

Paper 2 – People and Society: 1 hour 15 minutes

Questions on topics five to eight plus human field work (local area)

Paper 3 – Geographical Exploration: 1 hour 30 minutes

A series of questions focusing on synoptic assessment of material from a range of topics across the whole course and will feature a decision-making exercise.

WHAT CAN I DO TO SUPPORT MY CHILD AT HOME?

- Encourage students to carry out wider reading on topics covered in class, additional reading will be provided on Google Classroom
- Encourage students to watch/read the news and discuss any geography related stories with them
- Use the OCR Geography B website to practice exam questions, utilise mark schemes and examiners report
- Be aware of homework and assignment deadlines (Go4schools and Google Classroom) and encourage students to meet them to avoid late submission of work
- Practice key words and terminology – spellings and definitions

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