



GCSE Geography

Wales High School - Year 9 Subject Options

Subject Content - What will you be doing?

- **The Challenge of Natural Hazards:** Why do we get earthquakes and volcanoes? What effects do tropical storms have? Is our weather becoming more extreme?
- **The Living World:** What is it like in a tropical rainforest? What about in a hot desert? Are we at risk of destroying these ecosystems?
- **Physical Landscapes in the UK:** How does a river change as it moves downstream? How and why is the coastline formed and how can it be protected?
- **The Changing Economic World:** Why are there global variations in economic development? How will major changes to the UK economy affect us?
- **The Challenge of Resource Management:** Are food, water and energy fundamental to human development? Could the rise in demand for energy lead to conflict?
- **Urban Issues and Challenges:** Why are people choosing to move back to cities? How are UK cities making urban living more sustainable? How are we managing our transport and resources?



Examinations and Geographical Issue Investigation

You will complete 3 examinations in total, one physical and one human geography exam (worth 35% of the final GCSE grade each). You also need to undertake 2 geographical enquiries, each of which must include the use of primary data, collected as part of a fieldwork exercise. This will contribute towards the third paper which is worth 30% of the final GCSE grade.

GCSE Results 2019

- 30% 9 - 7
- 84% 9 - 4

Key Points about the Subject

- **Field Visits:** The experience of fieldwork will help you to develop new geographical insights into 2 contrasting environments. Enjoy visits to Sheffield City centre to explore urban geographies and the Holderness Coast to investigate a physical landscape in the UK.
- **Geographical Skills:** Learn many transferable skills suitable for almost any type of job, including cartographic (map skills), literacy, numerical and statistical skills.

Who can I speak to for more information?

All of the Geography Teachers: Mr Lawrance, Mrs Harrison, Mrs Marks, Miss Uttley, Miss Sumpter, Miss Lopez and Miss Caldwell