

## GCSE Geography Staff contact: Mr Stamp

The GCSE geography course will be followed through on a three year pathway. At All Saints we follow the AQA GCSE geography specification which enables a variety of teaching and learning approaches. This exciting and relevant course studies geography in a balanced framework of physical and human themes and investigates the link between them.

Students will travel the world from the classroom, exploring case studies in the United Kingdom(UK), newly emerging economies (NEEs) and lower income countries (LICs). Topics of study include climate change, poverty, deprivation, global shifts in economic power and the challenge of sustainable resource use. Students are also encouraged to understand their role in society, by considering different viewpoints, values and attitudes.

The assessment of the course is as follows:

<b>Paper 1: Living with the physical environment</b>
<b>What's assessed</b> 3.1.1 The challenge of natural hazards, 3.1.2 Physical landscapes in the UK, 3.1.3 The living world, 3.4 Geographical skills
<b>How it's assessed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes</li><li>• 88 marks (including 3 marks for spelling, punctuation, grammar and specialist terminology (SPGST))</li><li>• 35% of GCSE</li></ul>
<b>Questions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Section A: answer all questions (33marks)</li><li>• Section B: answer any two from questions 2, 3 and 4 (30 marks)</li><li>• Section C: answer question 5 and one from questions 6 and 7 (25 marks)</li><li>• Question types: multiple-choice, short answer, levels of response, extended prose</li></ul>

<b>Paper 2: Living with the human environment</b>
<b>What's assessed</b> 3.2.1 Urban issues and challenges, 3.2.2 The changing economic world, 3.2.3 The challenge of resource management, 3.4 Geographical skills
<b>How it's assessed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes</li><li>• 88 marks (including 3 marks for SPGST)</li><li>• 35% of GCSE</li></ul>
<b>Questions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Section A: answer all questions (33marks)</li><li>• Section B: answer all questions (30 marks)</li><li>• Section C: answer question 3 and one from questions 4, 5 or 6 (25 marks)</li><li>• Question types: multiple-choice, short answer, levels of response, extended prose</li></ul>

### Paper 3: Geographical applications

#### What's assessed

3.3.1 Issue evaluation, 3.3.2 Fieldwork, 3.4 Geographical skills

#### How it's assessed

- Written exam: 1 hour
- 76 marks (including 6 marks for SPGST)
- 30% of GCSE
- Pre-release resources made available from 15 March in the year of the exam

This course is excellent preparation for A level Geography. You will learn to design research tasks, collect fieldwork data, analyse a variety of types of data, and you will be able to communicate accurately conclusions that you draw. These skills are also vital in allowing you to succeed in a variety of other A level courses. Geographers also have many skills that employers value. You will be able to reflect upon your ability, for example, to communicate effectively with your peers and work in efficient teams when you complete fieldwork projects.