

KS4 Geography Curriculum Plan 2014-15

AQA A GCSE Specification – 10 lessons per fortnight.

Full details of the units:

<http://filestore.aqa.org.uk/subjects/AQA-9030-W-SP-14.PDF>

Topic	Content summary
Globalisation	What is globalisation? What are the advantages and disadvantages of transnational corporations? How is the relative importance of manufacturing to different countries changing? What are the impacts of increased energy use? Can we achieve sustainable development through the use of renewable energy? What are the positive and negative impacts of the increased global demand for food?
Living World	What is an ecosystem? How do plants adapt to different environments? How can we use these environments? How can people manage these environments in a sustainable way? Tropical Rainforests, Hot Deserts & Temperate Deciduous Forests are studied.
Tourism	What is tourism and why has it continued to grow? What are the impacts of tourism in National Parks and how can these be managed? What are the impacts of mass tourism and how can these be managed? What are the impacts of extreme tourism and how can these be managed? Is Eco-tourism the solution to tourism?
Water on the Land	How does a river change from its source to mouth? What are the processes at work and how do they create river landforms? Who is to blame for flooding – Physical or human causes? What are the impacts of floods in different parts of the world and how can these be reduced? Why do some areas have too much water or too little – how can these be managed sustainably?
Controlled Assessment	Students will complete an investigation involving fieldwork and complete the write up back in lessons under controlled conditions. This forms 25% of the final GCSE grade. The topic is set by the exam board each year.
Changing Urban Environments	What is Urbanisation and where is it taking place? What problems are created in MEDC's and how can these be tackled? What problems are created in LEDC's and how can these be tackled? How can cities be planned in a sustainable way?
Restless Earth	What processes are at work within the earth? What landforms are created by these and how are these used by people? What are the different types of volcanoes and how can they impact upon human life? Why do earthquakes have differing impacts in MEDC & LEDC's? What are the causes & impacts of a Tsunami?