



Department:	Geography
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Year 11 Course summary:

Current Examining Board: AQA

The current specification followed in Geography is the AQA Specification 8035, (Full Course).

The following topics will be covered in Year 11:

- (1) **Urban issues and challenges-** (a) A growing percentage of the world's population live in urban areas. (b) Urban growth creates opportunities and challenges for cities in LICs and NEEs. (c) Urban change in cities in the UK leads to a variety of social, economic and environmental opportunities and challenges. (d) Urban sustainability requires management of resources and transport.
- (2) **Ecosystems and tropical rainforests-** (a) Ecosystems exist at a range of scales and involve the interaction between biotic and abiotic factors. (b) Tropical rainforest ecosystems have a range of distinctive characteristics. (c) Deforestation has a range of economic and environmental impacts. (d) Tropical rainforests need to be managed to be sustainable.
- (3) **UK Physical Landscapes-** (a) An overview of the location of major upland/lowland areas and river systems.
- (4) **River landscapes in the UK-** (a) The shape of river valleys changes as rivers flow downstream. (b) Distinctive fluvial landforms result from different physical processes. (c) Different management strategies can be used to protect river landscapes from the effects of flooding.
- (5) **Pre-release skills booklet-** (a) A pre-release booklet will be issued by the Exam Board twelve weeks before the Paper 3 (Geographical Skills Paper). It will be on one of the themes within the GCSE Course and will contain stimulus material that the students are expected to revise. A new booklet will be issued in the Paper 3 examination.
- (6) **Revision programme-** (a) A full revision programme that will cover every topic taught in GCSE and the use of past papers and sample papers to prepare the students for the expectations of the three papers in the May and June examinations.

IST Assessments:

Michaelmas 1	Michaelmas 2	Lent 1	Lent 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Urban Issues and Challenges	Mock GCSE Exams	Ecosystems and Tropical Rainforests	UK Physical Landscapes: Rivers		