

Department...Geography.....

Year 7

In key stage 3 Geography at TRS Geography is taught around 5 key themes. These are Water World, Global Connections, Human Hazards, One The Edge, and Geographical Skills. In year 7 students are introduced to the key themes in Geography through the topics:

My place (map skills)
Ecosystems
Oceans on the Edge
Population
Crime and conflict

Year 8

In year 8 students are now equipped with basic understanding of the earth, it's processes and the way in which people interact with the earth and each other. In year 8 students explore the key themes in further detail, exploring key issues and processes that are affecting our world that we live in. This is done through the studying of the topics:

Rivers
Development
Health
Global warming
Fieldwork

Year 9

In year 9 students develop their independent learning further through

A dangerous world
Superpowers
Amazing places
Coasts
Culture

Year 10

Syllabus and past papers website link:

<http://www.edexcel.com/quals/gcse/gcse09/geography/b/Pages/default.aspx>

Unit 1 – Dynamic Earth.

1 hour and 15 minute exam. 25% of GCSE mark.

Unit 1 explores the physical world in which we live. Students learn about the physical processes that shape our world, and the human interference of these processes. As such we must explore the consequences of human activity and suggest appropriate sustainable solutions. Topics to be covered:

Restless Earth
Climate change
Battle of the Biosphere
Water World

Coasts

Extreme Environments

Unit 4 – Controlled Assessment

25% of GCSE mark.

Students have to complete an independent investigation on the topic 'Coasts'. Students design a fieldwork investigation and carryout data collection over a 1 day visit to Hastings. When back at school, students write up the investigation, produce graphs and models to analyse, conclude their findings and evaluate the success of their work.

Year 11

Syllabus and past papers website link:

<http://www.edexcel.com/quals/gcse/gcse09/geography/b/Pages/default.aspx>

Unit 2: People and the Planet.

1 hour and 15 minute exam. 25% of GCSE mark

The year 11 course explores the human world. Human processes, interdependence, the consequences of human activities and solutions to such problems are explored through the following topics:

Population Dynamics

Consuming Resources

Globalisation

Development Dilemmas

Changing Settlements in the UK

The challenges of an urban world

Unit 3: Making geographical decisions.

25% of GCSE mark

Throughout the GCSE course students develop a range of skills as well as geographical understanding. Unit 3 examines students on these skills, and their ability to apply their understanding to an unseen given case study or geographical issue. Students are expected to use their learning from units 1 and 2 in this exam.

Year 12

Syllabus and past papers website link:

<http://www.edexcel.com/quals/gce/gce08/geography/Pages/default.aspx>

Unit 1: Global Challenges

1 hour and 30 minute exam. 30% of total GCE mark.

Unit 1 enables students to make the transition from GCSE to A-level. Topics from GCSE are explored in greater range and depth, with a clear divide between human and physical issues that are affecting the world in which we live.

Topic 1: World at Risk (Hazards and Climate Change)

Topic 2: Going Global (Globalisation, Population, Cities)

Unit 2: Geographical Investigations

1 hour and 15 minute exam. 20% of the total GCE mark.

Unit 2 develops students' essay writing skills as they are required to write 6 short essays in this exam paper based around source based analysis, case study research and fieldwork investigations on the following topics:

Crowded Coasts

Rebranding

Year 13

Syllabus and past paper website link:

<http://www.edexcel.com/quals/gce/gce08/geography/Pages/default.aspx>

Unit 3: Contested Planet

2-hour and 30 minute exam. 30% of total GCE mark

The A2 course explores key contemporary issues that are affecting the world in which we.

Students deepen their understanding of the following topics but are required to assess and evaluate key issues to achieve the higher levels.

Topics to be covered:

Energy Security

Water Conflicts

Biodiversity Under Threat

Superpowers

Bridging the Development Gap

The Technological Fix

Unit 4: Geographical Research

1 hour and 30 minute exam. 20% of total GCE mark

Students carry out independent research on the topic Pollution and Human Health, a further issue that is affecting our world. In response to a task question students are required to write a report demonstrating their understanding on the key issues related to this topic.

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