

Key Stage 4 Geography Curriculum Plan

Topics covered	Assessments
<p>Rivers and Coasts Rivers - the features of rivers, the hydrological cycle and flooding. Coasts - coastal landscapes and attempts to control erosion.</p> <p>Population and Settlement Population – population structure, growth and migration. Settlement – changing land use and the provision of goods and retail services</p> <p>Natural Hazards The distribution, cause and effects of earthquakes and volcanoes, tropical storms and drought. How people can affect the impact of natural hazards.</p> <p>Economic Development The development of countries and aid. The location of economic activities and how the environment is affected, e.g. tropical rainforests and climate change.</p>	<p>Sustainable Decision Making (25%) This is a 1 hour written paper, sat in January of either Year 10 or 11. It tests the ability to apply ideas from one of the Key Themes (left) and uses a resource booklet issued 3 weeks in advance of the exam.</p> <p>Geographical Enquiry (25%) Students carry out 2 tasks set by the exam board, during lessons, under ‘controlled assessment’ conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Fieldwork focus (36/60) – a report is written based on primary data collected during fieldwork, e.g. Walton-on-the-Naze in the Summer Term of Year 10. b) Geographical Investigation (24/60) – a smaller piece of work based on secondary data that can be presented in a variety of forms in the Autumn Term of Year 11. <p>Key Geographical Themes (50%) This is a 1 hour 30 minute written paper that must be sat at the end of Year 11. It tests the knowledge and understanding of the three remaining Key Themes (but not the unit not tested in the Sustainable Decision Making exam).</p>
<p>Enrichment opportunities:</p> <p>You will be amazed at how much and how often the things we study in class are on the news. It is a big advantage to watch, read, and discuss the news on TV, radio, newspaper, websites etc. In addition, there are many documentaries, current affairs and travel programmes to watch and we will suggest which are the most relevant to our GCSE course, but any such programme would helpful to watch.</p> <p>In July of Year 10 we offer a 5 day residential fieldtrip to Snowdonia. The theme of the trip is ‘conflicts within a National Park’. We will be carrying out fieldwork on river and glacial landscapes, land use and the economy of the region including guided tours around Dinorwic Power Station (in Europe’s largest man-made cavern), Hafod-y-Llan (National Trust Farm at the foot of Snowdon) and the Centre for Alternative Technology, Machynlleth.</p> <p>There will be an opportunity to represent Linton Village College in the Geographical Association’s Worldwide Quiz.</p>	