

GCSE Geography at The Hollins Technology College

At KS4, the geography department at The Hollins Technology College follow the new AQA specification 'A' GCSE geography course (AQA course 8035). The specification document for this course is available on the AQA website (www.AQA.org.uk).

The course is divided up across year 10 and year 11 as follows:

Year 10

- Urban Issues and Challenges
- The Challenge of Natural Hazards
- UK Physical Landscapes
- The Challenge of Resource Management

Pupils will also undertake visits to two contrasting fieldwork locations in Year 10.

Year 11

- The Living World
- The Changing Economic World

Pupils will then begin their revision for their final examinations, starting in about February. They will also prepare for their 'issue evaluation' section of their assessment by analysing the pre-release information booklets sent to the school in April before their June exam.

Assessment structure

There is only one tier of entry for the GCSE Geography examination, with three exams at the end of year 11. There is no longer any coursework component to this course.

Paper 1 – Physical Geography - 1 hour 30 minutes (35% of the overall assessment)

Paper 2 – Human Geography – 1 hour 30 minutes (35% of the overall assessment)

Paper 3 – Fieldwork and Issue Evaluation - 1 hour 15 minutes (30% of the overall assessment)

Please contact Mr Edmondson at the school (edmondsonm@thehollins.com) should you require any further information.