

GEOGRAPHY

KS4 (Edexcel GCSE Geography B)

Curriculum Overview

Year 10 and 11 Geographers at Christ the King College study the Edexcel B GCSE Geography specification. The course builds upon KS3 learning to develop students' knowledge and understanding of place, processes and interactions at a variety of scales, from local fieldwork investigations, to UK and global issues. Students are encouraged to make geographical decisions by applying their knowledge, understanding and integrated geographical skills to real-life 21st century people and environmental issues.

YR 11



Curriculum Topics

Paper 2 UK Geographical Issues

(37.5% of GCSE, 94 marks, 90 minutes)

- Topic 5: The UK's Evolving Human Landscape
- Topic 6: Fieldwork (Urban)

Paper 3 People and Environment Decisions - Making Geographical Decisions

(25% of GCSE, 64 marks, 90 minutes)

- Topic 7: People and the Biosphere
- Topic 8: Forests Under Threat
- Topic 9: Consuming Energy Resources

Each topic is assessed via a mixture of 1-4 mark questions which include multiple choice questions, own knowledge 'explanation' questions and questions assessing a variety of geographical skills including maths and figure interpretation. Each topic also has one 8-mark 'assess' or 'evaluate' question.



Specification Link

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcse/geography-b-2016.html>



When and how assessment of learning will happen

- Autumn term 1 - short Topic 4 UK Physical Geography and Topic 6 Coastal Fieldwork assessment
- Autumn term 2 - full paper 1 mock examination
- Spring term 1 - short Topic 5 UK Human Geography and Topic 6 Urban Fieldwork assessment
- Spring term 2 - full paper 2 mock examination
- Spring term 2 - full paper 3 mock examination

**Depending on whole College mock examination weeks, the above is subject to change.*

Home Learning Expectations

Home learning is set most weeks in GCSE Geography. This includes, but is not limited to, making revision notes (e.g. flashcards, mind maps), knowledge recall quizzes, Seneca, exam questions and independent revision.

The final exams/ assessment:

All three exams are at the end of Year 11:

- Paper 1 Global Geographical Issues (37.5% of GCSE, 94 marks, 90 minutes)
- Paper 2 UK Geographical Issues (37.5% of GCSE, 94 marks, 90 minutes)
- Paper 3 People and Environment Decisions - Making Geographical Decisions (25% of GCSE, 64 marks, 90 minutes)

Useful Information

- Students are encouraged to regularly check Google Classroom as lesson slides and home learning tasks will be posted here.
- Students are encouraged to use Seneca independently to revise (<https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>)
- Students are encouraged to access past paper questions via this link: <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcse/geography-b-2016.coursematerials.html#filterQuery=Pearson-UK:Category%2FExam-materials>
- <https://geographical.co.uk/podcasts>

