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GEOGRAPHY CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

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GEOGRAPHY | GCSE

AQA Geography: building on Key Stage 3 human and physical geography.

PAPER 1 | LIVING WITH THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

FOCUS: Natural hazards, living world and UK landscapes

WHAT STUDENTS LEARN: Study tectonic hazards, tropical storms and climate change; ecosystems, tropical rainforests and hot deserts; and UK river and coastal landscapes.

PAPER 2 | CHALLENGES IN THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

FOCUS: Urbanisation, development and resources

WHAT STUDENTS LEARN: Explore urban change, including Lagos and Manchester; economic development, including Nigeria; and global and UK resource management, with a focus on water.

PAPER 3 | GEOGRAPHICAL APPLICATIONS

FOCUS: Issue evaluation and geographical fieldwork

WHAT STUDENTS LEARN: Evaluate a geographical issue using pre-release resources and evidence (Section A); apply fieldwork methods, analyse data and evaluate geographical investigations (Section B). Paper 3 is worth 30% of the GCSE (1 hour 30 minutes; 76 marks).

THE JOURNEY BEYOND GCSE

FOCUS: Geographical thinking and future pathways

WHAT STUDENTS LEARN: Develop global citizenship and understanding of sustainability, interdependence and place. Geography supports further study and careers including planning and environmental management.

KEY SKILLS DEVELOPED

LOCATE
Use maps, coordinates and place knowledge

EXPLAIN
Connect human and physical processes

INVESTIGATE
Interpret evidence, data and fieldwork

EVALUATE
Assess impacts, choices and responses

ASSESSMENT
AQA Paper 1: 35% | Paper 2: 35% | Paper 3: 30%

ENRICHMENT Independent geographical reading and enquiry into real-world environmental and development issues.