



Richard Lander School

Geography – Key Stage 4

Richard Lander School is a maintained school which follows the National Curriculum at both Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4.

This exciting course is based on a balanced framework of physical and human geography. It allows students to investigate the link between the two themes, and approach and examine the battles between the man-made and natural worlds.

Students who complete the course will have the skills and experience to progress onto A-level and beyond.

There are three units, with each examined at the end of the course.

Unit 1: Living with the Physical Environment

- The challenge of natural hazards
- The living world
- Physical landscapes in the UK
- Geographical skills

Written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes

88 marks (including 3 marks for spelling, punctuation, grammar and specialist terminology (SPaG))

35% of GCSE

Unit 2: Challenges in the Human Environment

- Urban issues and challenges,
- The changing economic world
- The challenge of resource management
- Geographical skills

Written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes

88 marks (including 3 marks for SPaG)

35% of GCSE

Unit 3: Geographical applications

- Issue evaluation
- Fieldwork
- Geographical skills

Written exam: 1 hour 15 minutes

76 marks (including 6 marks for SPaG)

30% of GCSE

For more information on the GCSE Geography syllabus please visit the AQA website

<http://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/geography/specifications/AQA-8035-SP-2016.PDF>