

Geography



Exam Board:

**Cambridge
International**

Syllabus Code:

0460

Course outline:

Geography helps you make sense of the world around you. The Cambridge IGCSE Geography course enables students to develop lifelong skills, including an understanding of the processes which affect physical and human environments; an understanding of location on a local, regional and global scale; the ability to use and understand geographical data and information; an understanding of how communities around the world are affected and constrained by different environments.

Course assessment:

At IGCSE Geography there are three main assessments:

Paper 1 Geographical Themes 75 marks 45%

This is a 1 hour 30 minute paper. Students answer three questions, each worth 25 marks. The paper has three sections:

Theme 1: Population and Settlement

Theme 2: The Natural Environments

Theme 3: Economic Development

Students must answer one question from each section.

Paper 2 Geographical Skills 60 marks 27.5%

The paper assesses students' skills such as interpretation and analysis of geographical information, maps, diagrams, graphs, tables of data, written material, photographs and pictorial material.

Paper 3 Coursework 60 marks 27.5%

Students complete a river study investigation of up to 2000 words.

What qualities do I need to take this subject?

Are you interested in the world around you? Are you interested in how landforms form? Then this is the course for you. Studying the IGCSE course will allow you will get to grips with some of the some of the big questions which affect our world. You will develop an understanding of the social, economic and physical forces and processes which shape and change our world.

What can this course lead to?

IGCSE Geography will provide students with a solid foundation for study at A Level. The Royal Geographical Society has suggested that Geography graduates have some of the highest rates of graduate employment. Popular careers for people with Geography qualifications include: town or transport planning, conservation, waste and water management, tourism, and weather forecasting. Geography can also be useful for jobs in charity and international relations.