WOODSIDE HIGH

OPTIONS SUBJECTS

GCSE Geography

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

Mr Rabbitts

VITAL INFORMATION

10% of the exam marks will be awarded for the application of Maths and Statistics in Geography
The exams contain extended answer questions which are allocated up to 12 marks
You must be prepared to carry out field work as this accounts for 15% of the assessment marks

EXAM BOARD

OCR B

CURRICULUM CONTENT

The Natural World component gives you the opportunity to explore the natural world you live in with a key focus on global hazards (tectonic activity and hazardous weather events), climate change, how rivers and coasts influence our landscape and global ecosystems. This section also includes fieldwork at a coastal landscape.

People and society explores connections between people and places and how changes take place over time. The component examines urban futures, development, the UK in the 21st century and the impact population growth has on our natural resources. This section also includes fieldwork in an urban environment.

The final component, geographical exploration focuses on a series of questions from both component 1 and 2. This component will require you to "think like a geographer" and will require you to apply your knowledge and understanding of the whole GCSE course and apply it to a specific country and scenario. You will be given a resource booklet containing mixture of photographs, graphs, text, diagrams or images. The questions will require you to analyse the resource booklet and apply your knowledge and understanding from component 1 and 2.

BREAKDOWN OF MARKS

Paper 1 - Our Natural World (35%)
Paper 2 - People and Society (35%)
Paper 3 - Geographical Exploration (30%)

SKILLS

You will need to be able to construct and interpret a variety of maps such as OS maps, Atlases and choropleth maps. Numeracy skills are also important as you will be required to construct appropriate graphs and analyse and evaluate information.

CURRICULUM & CAREER PROGRESSION

NEXT STEPS

A level Geography, Environmental Science, Law, Sociology, Philosophy, Biology, Politics, Economics

Btec Business Studies, Countryside Management, Environmental Stainability, Travel and Tourism

CAREERS

Aid Agencies
Accountancy
Cartography (maps with computing)
Environmental Lawyer
Geologist
GIS Manager
Landscape Architect
Teacher
United Nations Disaster Risk Reduction
Weather Forecaster