

Teaching guide: three years

This resource gives you an example of how the content of our GCSE Geography specification (8035) can be delivered over three years, based on the same timing assumptions given for our two year teaching guide.

Three year course

An additional 38 hours contact time (Year 9 - 1 hour per week) gives schools a degree of flexibility and an opportunity to:

- cover all the content to produce a more comprehensive course which gives candidates a greater choice of questions in the exams
- give students time to study themes in greater breadth and depth
- give students the opportunity to study a greater range of case studies and exemplars
- break down the coursework into sections to reinforce or deliver content
- introduce issue evaluation and DME exercises related to each theme
- concentrate on specific geographical skills related to each theme
- give students extra revision and assessment time
- give more time to study decision making exercise (DME) pre-release resources
- make up for the loss of contact time as a result of unexpected whole school events.

Year 1 (Year 9) 38 weeks - 1 x 1 hour (38 hours)

Note: square brackets indicate additional time

Autumn term (13 weeks)

- The challenge of natural hazards/Tectonic hazards (6 weeks) + [1 week]
- Tropical storms (5 weeks) + [1 week]

Spring term (11 weeks)

- Extreme weather in the UK (4 weeks) + [1 week]

- Climate change - Global and UK focus (5 weeks) + [1 week]

Summer term (14 weeks)

- Physical landscapes in the UK (2 weeks)
- Coastal or River or Glacial landscapes in the UK (10 weeks)
- Fieldwork - pilot study based on whichever physical landscape(s) have been studied. (2 weeks)

Year 2 (Year 10) 38 weeks - 2 x 1 hour (76 hours)

Autumn term (13 weeks)

- Coastal or River or Glacial landscapes in the UK (5 weeks)
- Fieldwork/DME/OS Map skills (1 week)
- The Living World (2 weeks)
- Tropical rainforests (5 weeks)

Spring term (11 weeks)

- Tropical rainforests (contd.) (2 weeks) + [2 weeks]
- Hot deserts or Cold environments (5 weeks) + [2 weeks]

Summer term (14 weeks)

- Fieldwork enquiries (4 weeks)
- Urban issues and challenges (8 weeks) + [2 weeks]

Year 3 (Year 11) 29 weeks - 2 x 1 hour (58 hours)

Autumn term (13 weeks)

- The changing economic world (10 weeks) + [3 weeks]

Spring term (11 weeks)

- Mock exams (2 weeks)
- The challenge of resource management (8 weeks) + [1 week]

Summer term (5 weeks)

- DME pre-release (2 weeks)
- Revision (3 weeks)