

Q	What exam board will my son or daughter study?
A	OCR B. Please look at the exam board website to find out more information on this exam specification https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse/geography-b-geography-for-enquiring-minds-j384-from-2016/
Q	Why does the department teach this exam board?
A	OCR B is a popular exam board which means that there are a lot of resources available for this course.
Q	How many exam papers are there?
A	There are 3 exams at GCSE Geography (Our Natural World, People and Society, Geographical Exploration).
Q	How long are the exam papers?
A	Our Natural World and People and Society are 1 hour 15 minutes in length and Geographical Exploration is 1 hour 30 minutes in length. The papers are relatively short in the subject in comparison to other subjects.
Q	What topics will I study?
A	Please see the options handbook for this information and also the OCR website which will explain the topics that you will study. https://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/207307-specification-accredited-gcse-geography-b-j384.pdf
Q	What teacher will my son or daughter have at GCSE?
A	This will depend upon their other options and we will be unable to tell you at this stage. All department staff deliver GCSE Geography so you could be taught by any of the department staff.
Q	What fieldtrips will my son or daughter go on?
A	At GCSE fieldwork is compulsory and they have to go on a Human Geography fieldtrip and a Physical Geography fieldtrip. The school runs a Human fieldtrip to Cambridge and goes to Hunstanton for the Physical fieldwork. We also usually run a residential trip to Sicily. Unfortunately, because of COVID-19, no fieldtrips have been allowed to run this year.
Q	Can I study Geography and History?
A	Yes, we have many students who study Geography and History together and both subjects help develop transferable skills which complement each subject.
Q	How are the exam papers structured?
A	Each exam paper is structured in a similar way, they always start with a short answer question such as 2 or 4 marks and the longest questions average around 8 marks.
Q	Will I have to write long essays?
A	No, Geography is not an essay subject and Geography GCSE is about writing in a concise way.
Q	Are Geography results good at Bourne Grammar School at GCSE?
A	Yes - on average 60% of students get a 7-9 grade awarded.