



# GCSE Geography at Stradbroke

## Course Title

WJEC Eduqas GCSE in Geography (Specification B)

## Investigating Geographical Issues

Exam Paper Length: 1hr 45mins

Sat: End of Y11

Worth: 40% of total GCSE

You Will Study:

- 1. Changing Places—Changing Economies:** Pupils will study the expansion and development of global cities as well as the problems this can cause in both rich and poor countries. Processes of change are studied along with potential solutions.  
Topic titles are: Urbanisation of Global Cities, Urban change in the UK, Contrasts in global development
- 2. Changing Environments:** This theme focuses on the world's physical geography and covers river and coastal processes, why these landscapes look the way that they do and how they should be managed in the future. Weather and climate is the third aspect of this theme.  
Topic titles are: coasts & coastal management, rivers & river management, weather, climate change
- 3. Environmental Challenges:** Pupils will study different ecosystems with particular focus on deserts and African grasslands. Issues surrounding human uses of water resources as well as the impact that misuse and poor management of these can have on different environments will also be covered in this unit.  
Topic titles are: Ecosystems and threats to ecosystems, water management, deserts and desertification

## Problem-Solving Geography

Exam Paper Length: 1hr 30mins

Sat: End of Y11

Worth: 30% of total GCSE

You Will Study: Practical Geographical skills including map and graph drawing and interpretation. This will not be taught as a separate unit but will form an integral part of your learning throughout the course and will form the basis for several of your homework tasks. You will need to be able to draw diagrams and maps, be able to read graphs and charts and accurately read Ordnance Survey maps. You will also be expected to know how to use 4 and 6 figure grid references. You do not necessarily need to know facts for this exam, just be able to carry out tasks using the information provided with the exam question and make a decision about an issue, justifying your choice.

The exam paper will have 3 sections:

A – Introduce an issue (short answers – 1,2, or 3 marks)

B – Explore possible solutions (longer answers – 4 to 6 marks)

C – choose a solution and justify it, identifying pros and cons of your ideas (extended response – 8 marks + SPaG)

## Applied Fieldwork Enquiry

Exam Paper Length: 1hr 30mins

Sat: End of Y11

Worth: 30% of total GCSE

You Will Study: This unit replaces the controlled assessment component from previous courses. You will be given the opportunity to attend two field trips—one to an urban location and one to a river or coastal location. You will then use the techniques learned in the field to answer a set of questions on an exam paper. The focus of this paper will be told to you at the start of the course.

The exam (1 hour 30) is in three parts:

**A** – Short questions on methods **B** – Interpreting unfamiliar results **C** – Drawing conclusions from unfamiliar data