GCSE GEOGRAPHY

Is this the course for you?
What topics does the GCSE course cover?

► Weather & Climate in UK and the Caribbean
► UK Wetlands and Rainforest Ecosystems
► Urban Issues in Kenya, especially Nairobi
► Urban Issues in Leicestershire
► Management of the Mississippi and Nile rivers
► Management of the UK Coast
► Development issues in Kenya and Ghana
► Industrial Growth in UK
What sort of Examinations will I face?

➤ Course work (25 %) - a planning exercise and a fieldwork report.

➤ Data Response Examination (45%) testing data analysis skills and knowledge of case studies.

➤ Problem Solving Examination (30%) where you will be given a Geographical problem to investigate and suggest suitable management options.
What will I do in lessons?

► WORK HARD!

► Each group of lessons will cover a key topic.
► Students usually have to complete a range of exercises to gain understanding and to put together good notes for future revision.
► You will produce maps, graphs, posters etc., make summary notes about case studies, draw and annotate diagrams to show processes and ideas, interpret video material showing the places we study, discuss and debate issues, plan and carry out fieldwork in Leicester.
What skills and qualities do I need?

► You should be genuinely interested in the topics covered and in finding out about the world around you?
► You should be willing to work hard and complete all the tasks set.
► If you have good written and presentation skills they will help you greatly.
► If you are likely to get SAT results at level 5 or above you should succeed at GCSE.
Field work in Leicester
Country Guide to Kenya

Kenya is a country about as large as France and situated in East Africa between 5°N and 5°S. Temperatures over much of Kenya are subtropical or temperate, and are similar to those in summer in France or southern Britain.

Only the coastal lowlands experience the constant high temperatures and humidity associated with equatorial latitudes.

It is not surprising that with such a favourable climate - sunny, only moderately wet, and not too hot - and a great variety of scenery, wild life, game parks, and good communications, Kenya has many attractions for the tourist.

There is a double rainy season between March and May and between November and December, with two intervening dry seasons. There is a small difference in temperature from month to month through the year.
What can you tell me about the climate in Kenya?
Kibera, Shanty Town in Nairobi

► What would it be like to live here?
Flower farming in Kenya. Is it a good thing?

In several African countries, the cut flower industry is one of the major export earners with Kenya upfront. However, various labour unions and NGOs have been denouncing the bad working conditions for labourers on flower farms: long working journeys, low pay, crowded housing facilities and no access to protective work clothing. Through labelling, Fairtrade aims to support these campaigns by certifying those farms which ensure safe and good working conditions for the employees. Currently, there are 33 Fairtrade Certified Farms, 19 of them are in Africa, 14 in Kenya, 2 in Tanzania and 3 in Zimbabwe.
Safari Holidays in Kenya

► How does Kenya benefit from this activity?
What does this map tell you about life in Kenya?
What should the Kenyan Government try to do to make life better for its people?

► What ideas for economic development could Kenya exploit?
► How could wealthy countries like UK help Kenya to develop better life options for its people?
► What could people in Kenya do to make life better for themselves?