

GCSE Geography

What will I learn?

GCSE Geography is an academically robust subject which spans the social and physical sciences and promotes a lifelong interest and fascination in how the world works. The study of Geography enables you to acquire knowledge and understanding of a range of places and environments, geographical patterns and processes. You will develop a sense of place and an appreciation of the environment and the importance of sustainable development. You are encouraged to explore people's values and attitudes and make your own decisions on how best to manage the environment and resources.

You will study:

- Landscapes and physical processes
- Rural-urban Links
- Tectonic Landscapes and Hazards
- Weather, Climate and Ecosystems
- Development and Resource Issues
- Social Development Issues

What do I need to know before I can start the course?

The GCSE course builds on content and requirements from KS3 so some knowledge and understanding of the topics studied would be helpful, but not essential.

What does the course involve?

GCSE Geography is an academic course and requires further reading, discussion and essay writing. We use a variety of approaches in order to:

- develop the ability to think creatively, for example, by posing questions about geographical concepts and processes and making predictions about future outcomes
- develop the ability to think scientifically by collecting, processing and evaluating evidence from a range of sources, including fieldwork in at least two locations
- develop the ability to think independently by applying geographical knowledge, understanding and skills to real world contexts.

There are three external examinations at the end of the course.

What can I do after the course? What careers will this course be useful for?

Geography is part of the academic group of English Baccalaureate GCSE subjects and is recognised by Russell Group universities as one of their preferred 'facilitating subjects' at A Level. According to the Royal Geographical Society, Geography graduates have some of the highest rates of graduate employment.

Geography is great for any kind of career that involves the environment, planning, or collecting and interpreting data. Popular careers for people with geography qualifications include: town or transport planning, surveying, conservation, sustainability, waste and water management, environmental planning, tourism, international relations, journalism,

teaching and weather forecasting. The army, police, government, research organisations, law and business world also value the practical research skills that geographers develop.

Who can I talk to for more information?

Miss Corp, Programme Leader for Humanities

What websites can I check out?

<http://www.rgs.org/OurWork/Schools/Careers+and+Further+Study/Progressing+with+geography+at+school/Thinking+about+taking+GCSE+geography.htm>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/geography/>