

AQA

GCSE Geography



Why should I study GCSE Geography?



Geography gets you the compulsory Humanities part of the English Baccalaureate qualification. A qualification in Geography is valued by places of further education and by employers.

What will I study?



GCSE Geography is studied in three units:

- 1) **Living with the Physical Environment:**
 - A. The Challenge of Natural Hazards: natural hazards; tectonic hazards; climate hazards.
 - B. The Living World: ecosystems; tropical rainforests; hot deserts.
 - C. Physical Landscapes in the UK: coastal landscapes; river landscapes.
- 2) **The Challenges of the Human Environment:**
 - A. Urban Issues and Challenges
 - B. The Changing Economic World
 - C. The Challenge of Resource Management: resource management; food as a resource.
- 3) **Geographical Applications:**
 - A. Issue Evaluation: pre released material.
 - B. Fieldwork: physical and human based.

How will I be assessed?



GCSE Geography is assessed in three exams at the end of the course.

Paper 1 – 90 minutes / 88 marks / 35% of GCSE.

Paper 2 – 90 minutes / 88 marks / 35% of GCSE.

Paper 3 – 90 minutes / 76 marks / 30% of GCSE

Which skills will I develop and use?



Geographers are valued because they learn to:

Make decisions about an issue; collect, handle and analyse data; write a concise report; think independently and creatively; solve problems from a number of angles; be computer literate; be a well-rounded, flexible thinker; be a good team player.

How will I be able to use this subject in my future career?



Geography is an impressive subject to have on your CV. You can go on to study it at A level and the subject is compatible with many other subjects, including science, sociology, politics, biology and environmental studies. Geography leads to many career opportunities including geological assistant, retail or conservation manager, park ranger, chartered surveyor, town planner, diplomat, teacher, travel agent, weather analyst; or, it can lead to a job in marketing or advertising. Geography graduates are amongst the most employable with 40% appointed to managerial or administrative positions.