



PEMBROKE
A PRIORY ACADEMY

Edexcel 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:

The Physical Environment –

The Changing Landscapes of the UK: Two Studies from Coastal, River or Glaciated Landscapes.

Weather hazards and Climate Change: Two Studies of Tropical Storms and Drought.

Ecosystems, biodiversity and management: Two Studies of tropical rainforests and temperate, deciduous woodlands.

The Human Environment –

Changing Cities: Two studies, including a UK city and a city in a developing or emerging country.

Global development: A study of a developing or emerging country.

Resource Management: A study of energy or water.

Geographical Investigations: Fieldwork and UK Challenges –

Fieldwork: One Physical and one Human investigation

UK Challenges: A Human & Physical study from one or more key themes.



How will I be assessed?



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

- Physical Environment: 37.5% / 94 Marks. Exam 1 hr 30 mins.
- The Human Environment: 37.5% / 94 marks. Exam 1 hr 30 mins
- Fieldwork & UK Challenges: 25% / 64 marks. Exam 1 hr 30 mins

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 can lead to a job in marketing or advertising. Geography graduates are amongst the most employable with 40% appointed to managerial or administrative positions.