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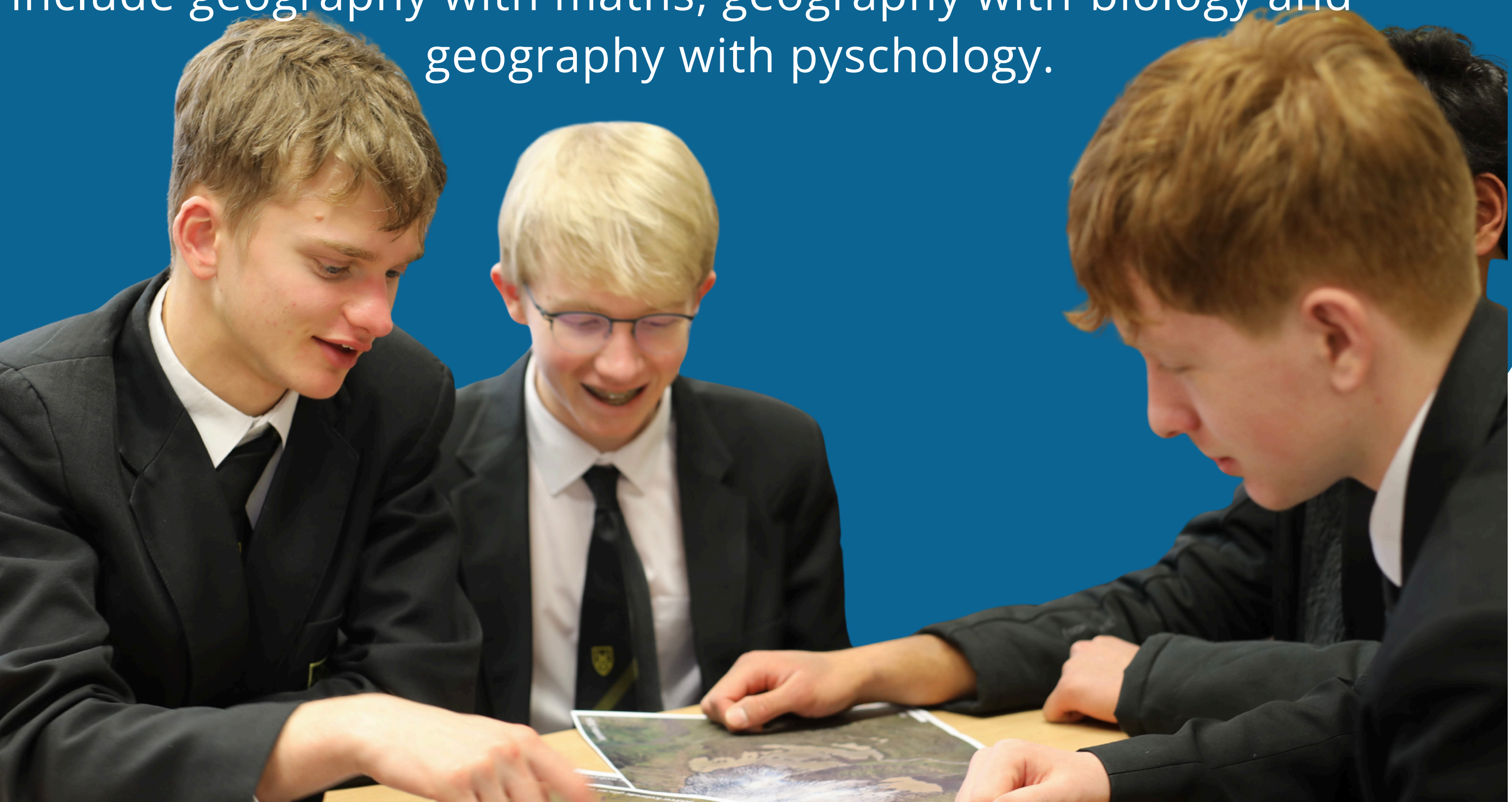
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## Why Geography?

Geography is dynamic, vital and endlessly interesting. A Level geography equips you with a sought-after transferable skill set and deep understanding of people, place and the natural world. A Level geography compliments all subjects and most popular A Level combinations include geography with maths, geography with biology and geography with psychology.

‘A Level geography equips students with a unique ability to create synoptic links across a variety of topics. A Level geographers have an interdisciplinary way of thinking with an unparalleled skill set that stands out from other social science subjects’

*Geographical's Choose Geography supplement, 2025*





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## What topics will I study?

A Level geography offers a selection of new topics not covered at GCSE and covers familiar favourite topics in greater depth. Human geography topics you may study include placemaking, rebranding and regeneration; geopolitics, global governance and the global commons; migration and population. Physical geography topics include studying tipping points associated with the water and carbon cycles; glacial, coastal & desert landscapes and natural hazards. You'll also develop skills in GIS and statistical analysis.

Final exams at the end of Year 13 make up 80% of your A Level grade. A Non-Examined Assessment (NEA) makes up the remaining 20% of your A Level. The NEA is an independent geographical investigation and involves creating your own research question and collecting and analysing data. You'll also complete at least 4 days of fieldwork as part of your A Level. This allows you to see what the geography classroom looks like in the real world.

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## What skills will I gain?

Studying A Level geography equips you with a diverse and transferable skill set. The skills you develop in geography will help support your progress in other subjects you study. You'll gain research and fieldwork skills; data, GIS and geospatial skills and develop strong critical thinking and problem solving skills. Geographers are able to understand complex concepts and help communicate these in lots of different ways, from informing a balanced, well-evidenced argument to using data and digital maps to tell a story. You'll also develop statistical analysis skills, allowing you to analyse data and detect patterns to reach sophisticated, well-evidenced conclusions.



Studying geography opens up doors to a range of different careers, and gives you the opportunity to pursue a career in a topic you're passionate about. 86% of geography graduates are in work or further study within 15 months of graduating. This is higher than history, law, psychology, sociology and politics\*. Geographers go onto work in government and policy; development and charity; sustainability, climate change and renewable energy sectors; data science and GIS, business and finance; and the built environment sector.

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\*What do graduates do? 2024/25, Prospects