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Why Geography?

Geography helps you to make sense of the world. It's hands on, dynamic, relevant and endlessly interesting. GCSE geography courses are a good mix of topics such as urban issues, economic development, extreme environments, rivers, and hazards – to name but a few. The course will give you the chance to get to grips with some of the big issues which affect our world, and understand the social, economic and physical forces and processes which shape our ever-changing world.

‘GCSE geography opens your eyes to things around you... it has taught me to be aware that the world's constantly changing. It's so inspiring and crucial to learn’

Martin, GCSE student based in Kent



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What topics will I study?

GCSE geography involves studying a huge diversity of topics, and covers the most important and relevant geographical challenges of our time. Human geography topics include studying global economic development; inequality; changing cities and urbanisation; migration and population change. Physical geography topics you'll study include exploring characteristics of different ecosystems, and the influence of human activity on natural ecosystems, tectonic and weather hazards; river, coastal & glacial landscapes and climate change.

You'll also learn about the concept of sustainability, particularly in relation to resource security. This includes investigating how access to water, food and energy varies on local, national and global scales and the challenges associated with resource distribution.



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What skills will I gain?



Studying geography provides you with a variety of valuable skills that can be transferred and used across other subjects. Geography equips you with the ability to solve problems, think critically and communicate complex ideas. You'll also engage in at least 2 days of fieldwork during your GCSE, where you'll get to apply your learning to the real world and develop key fieldwork skills such as data collection, data analysis and teamwork. Throughout your GCSE you'll use maths and numeracy, in addition to map skills like measuring scale and using grid references. Geography is hands-on, dynamic and varied, giving you the opportunity to engage with different types of data to help you make sense of the world and its complexity.

Geographers are super employable and work across a variety of sectors, from business and finance, to charity and government to urban planning and data science. Geographers shape policy, design sustainable places, help conserve our ecosystems and landscapes and support local communities affected by conflict or natural disasters. Studying geography opens the doors to exploring a whole range of careers.

Careers with geography

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