

GCSE Geography

The world around us is constantly changing. If you want to know why, or how it might change in the future, then Geography is the subject for you. Geography allows you to look at the world and interpret it through different viewpoints, as well as developing an understanding of the challenges and issues we face, their impacts and how they can be managed.

Geography also develops students' skills in literacy (interpreting sources and text, writing extended answers and reports); numeracy (graphs and data analysis) and geographical skills (map skills locational knowledge and fieldwork)

There are many careers that a GCSE in Geography could lead to, including: building/architecture, cartography and computerised mapping, climatologist/meteorologist/environmentalist, emergency services and charity/aid work.

Programme of Study and Assessment (AQA)

We study human, physical and environmental decision-making geography.

Students will be assessed by 3 exams at the end of the course:

- **Paper 1 Physical Geography (35% 1 hour 30 minutes):** including the challenge of natural hazards, earthquakes and volcanoes; the living world focusing on tropical rainforests and hot deserts; UK physical landscapes, coasts and rivers; fieldwork looking at river flows.
- **Paper 2 Human Geography (35% 1 hour 30 minutes):** urban issues and challenges; the changing economic world and the challenge of resource management; fieldwork looking at Birmingham.
- **Paper 3 (30% 1 hour 30 minutes):** Skills and issues; evaluation of a contemporary topic.

Useful links

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