

# Geography



## Career Options

AS / A2 level courses, BTEC courses as well as BA and BSc degree courses available to study post 16.

There are many career opportunities open to geographers including teaching, town planning and environmental services amongst many others. Geography graduates are very highly sought after by employers because of their transferable skills.

## Subject Content

Students learn about contemporary issues like urban changes, resource management and development. As well as core knowledge and understanding of physical processes such as how rivers, weather systems and plate tectonics impact on the human environment. Students are also given the opportunity to develop their geographical investigation skills through fieldwork, allowing them to develop their numerical, cartographic, and statistical skills.

### Areas studied include:

- The challenge of natural hazards
- The living world
- Physical landscapes in the UK
- Urban issues and challenges
- The changing economic world
- The challenge of resource management
- Geographical skills.

## Assessment Information

**Students will sit three separate exams which will make up your overall grade.**

**Physical and human geography is split into two separate papers, which are equally weighted. T**

**The third paper is Geographical applications. This tests Geographical skills, fieldwork knowledge and includes questions based upon a pre-released booklet given to teachers and students 12 weeks before the exam.**

**How the course is assessed:**

**Paper 1 : Living with the physical environment.**

**1 hour 30-minute exam, worth 35% of the total GCSE**

**Paper 2: Challenges of the human environment**

**1 hour 30-minute exam, worth 35% of the total GCSE**

**Paper 3: Geographical applications**

**1 hour 15-minute exam worth 30% of the total GCSE**

## Why Study...?

Geography really is the study of the world around us.

The KS4 GCSE Geography curriculum offers students the chance to study the issues that will shape their present and future lives. Across the subject, students study a varied mix of human and physical topics. They can learn and understand the world we live in, how physical processes such as earthquakes occur, as well as understanding human aspects such as poverty.

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