

Geography

Qualification:
AQA GCSE Geography

Is this course for me?

The Russell Group of Universities included Geography as one of the “Facilitating Subjects” in its guide “*Informed Choices*”. It is a wide ranging subject, with many opportunities to study different aspects within Geography and is a useful gateway to a huge variety of other courses and careers. You will cover many aspects of geography from coasts, managing rivers and dealing with climate change through to the politics of aid, the inequalities of the rich and poor and issues connected with global population change. To successfully enjoy the course, you should have an interest in current affairs and all aspects of geography whether they are environmental or about people.

What does the course involve?

The course is divided into six main sections, divided into Physical and Human Geography themes. The Physical Geography includes **The Challenge of Natural Hazards, The Living World** and **Physical Landscapes of the UK**. The Human Geography covers **Urban Issues and Challenges, The Changing Economic World** and **The Challenge of Resource Management**. Topics therefore range from hazards like volcanoes and tropical storms, understanding ecosystems to coastal and river processes - whilst also encountering changing cities, issues affecting levels of development around the world and strategies for better managing the world’s resources. It is a fast moving and very topical course that will very often draw from current affairs and events in the news.

How will my work be assessed?

There will be three examinations, all at the end of the course. There is no coursework or Controlled Assessment in GCSE Geography. Paper 1 will cover all of the Physical Geography topics, Paper 2 the Human Geography topics and Paper 3 is a Skills examination. Paper 3 will include sections based on making use of some of the geographical skills developed during the course, a section in which a decision will have to be made and justified based on evidence provided whilst testing the skills developed on the **fieldwork** activities which form a vital part of the course.

What courses can this lead to in Post-16?

A Level Geography is a popular and successful option in Post 16. Geography can also assist students as they study other fields and, like the subject, these can be varied and diverse. Geographers can combine with courses like sociology, politics, economics or psychology. Equally, many combine the subject with vocational subjects like leisure and tourism and business studies. However, there is also a significant science element to geography and many combine the subject with chemistry, physics or biology. In addition, like all humanities subjects, geography requires people to scrutinise and evaluate evidence and these skills transfer well to other courses like English or media.

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