

GEOGRAPHY

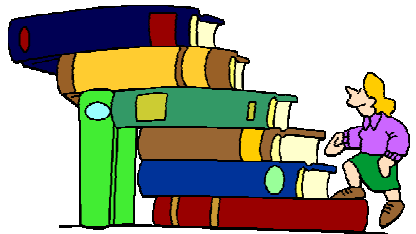
Why is geography important?

- As international links become closer, easier and faster, we need more than ever to understand the geography of the world;
- To help protect the environment - both at home and abroad - we need to understand geographical influences and relationships linking people and their surroundings;
- To make the most of our multicultural society we need to understand and appreciate the cultures and backgrounds of people from all over the world.



Geography is about real world issues

What do you do in geography?



- Study the natural features of the earth and how they are formed and changed by the action of the rivers, seas and climate.
- Study how rivers/seas and ecosystems are managed and the advantages and problems of their use.
- The growth and problems of settlements
- The factors influencing the location and changes in industry. How industries such as tourism can have a positive and a negative effect on environments.

Examples are taken from local, national and global scales

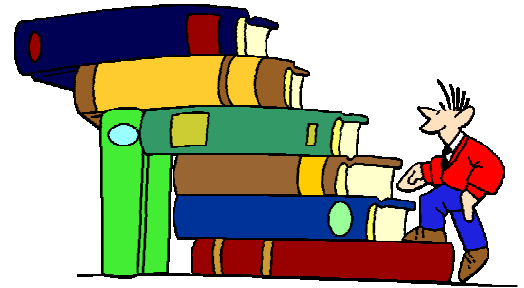
Geography helps you to make sense of the world you live in

Why choose geography?

You will learn to;

- Interpret a variety of maps and diagrams, graphs, tables, satellite images, photographs etc.;
- Find things out for yourself, using a wide range of primary and secondary data;
- Handle a wide variety of data confidently and be able to communicate your findings clearly in reports, decision making exercises and fieldwork.


These are skills that are relevant not only to geography but also in many jobs and adult life in general.



Geography encourages the development of useful skills

Who can do Geography? Anybody who wants to. Within each option there are likely to be students of different abilities. Some will complete more work, at a faster pace and in more detail. Other will work more slowly and give less detail. You should be able to cope with the work whatever your ability. If you choose to do geography you must be prepared to work hard. There is a lot of work to get through but if you keep up to date and listen carefully in class you should be able to achieve the best grade you are capable of. There are two levels of examination paper; Foundation level - Grades C to G. Higher level - Grades A* to D

WJEC GEOGRAPHY B - What is the examination like?

<p>Unit 1: Challenges and interactions in Geography (30%) Written paper:1 One hour. 60 marks (can be taken in year 10)</p> <p>2 compulsory structured questions, one from Theme 1 and one from Theme 2, each containing a choice of case study from those you have studied.</p> <p>One question will assess OS map skills.</p>	<p>Unit 2: Development and problem solving (45%) Written paper: 2 hours 90 marks</p> <p>Section A: 1 compulsory structured question from theme 3 containing a choice of case study.</p> <p>Section B: This is a problem-solving paper where students respond to the data/issue given them. Sections A, B and C are all compulsory. Sections A and B set the scene, section C asks for a plan to solve the issue.</p>
<p>Theme 1: Challenges of Living in a Built Environment - this looks at the way quality of life varies in urban areas due to the inequality of provision of services and how improvements have been made.</p> <p>Theme 3: People, Work and Development – this looks at how job opportunities vary in different places and countries due to resources available and the level of development. It also assesses the impact of industries on the environment.</p>	<p>Theme 2: People and the Natural World Interactions – this looks at contrasting ecosystems, what they contain and how they are threatened or managed in a sustainable way. It also looks at global issues such as global warming, as well as the threat of hazards such as hurricanes. It further looks at how man attempts to prevent coastal erosion, river floods and improve water supplies, as well as the ways landforms are created and used.</p>
<p>Unit 3: Geographical enquiry (Coursework - 25%) Controlled assessment 50 marks</p> <p>Two pieces of coursework: An issue based on research (10%), such as the impact of the 3 Gorges Dam, exploring viewpoints and presented in a chosen way – oral, newspaper article, powerpoint, etc.</p> <p>A geographical enquiry(15%) is based on fieldwork and supportive secondary data, written as an illustrated report. Might look at urban or coastal/ river processes.</p>	

You may use IT in your fieldwork. Please note that fieldwork is an essential part of the course. You cannot be entered for the examination without a piece of fieldwork. It is vital that you complete the projects to the best of your ability. You will be expected to do a lot of the work yourself but your teacher will help you prepare.

What kind of jobs can I do with GCSE geography?

To enter many jobs and vocational courses you will need maybe four or five examination passes. Geography can almost always count as one of them. For many jobs it is a real help if you have taken geography, particularly in combination with other subjects so think seriously about the subject if you are interested in any of these types of work;

Advertising	Estate agency	Local government	Surveying
Architecture- buildings & landscape	Farming/Forestry	Map-making	Teaching
Armed services.	Finance/legal	Nature conservation	Transport
Banks/ building societies	Housing	Planning	Water & power industries and many, many others!
	Journalism	Police	
	Leisure & tourism	Selling & marketing	
Civil aviation	Libraries & museums	Social work	

IF YOU WISH TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT GCSE GEOGRAPHY TALK TO YOUR GEOGRAPHY TEACHER. ASK FOR A LEAFLET WITH MORE DETAILS.

15 good reasons for studying

GEOGRAPHY - The study of the earth and its peoples

EDUCATES you about the world you live in

ORGANISES information logically

GIVES you a wide range of skills

REAL WORLD problems and examples are studied

ATTITUDES and VALUES are an important element

PLACES and PERSPECTIVES

HUMAN IMPACT on the planet

YOU'RE nowhere without it!

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Many transferable skills which employers want and need

Encourages intelligent application of knowledge to new situations

Leads to good results if you're prepared to work hard.

Better awareness of world issues and how we can all contribute to a better future

Opportunities for fieldwork and visits

Understanding and knowledge - a wide variety of places studied

Real life examples are studied

New ideas and information regularly discussed