

Course Titles: GCSE Geography

Awarding Body: Eduquas Geography Specification A

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Is GCSE Geography the subject for me?

Geography inspires students to become global citizens by exploring their own place in the world, and their values and responsibilities to other people, to the environment and to the sustainability of the planet.

Students will travel the world from their classroom, exploring case studies in the United Kingdom, higher income countries (HICs), newly emerging economies (NEEs) and lower income countries (LICs). Topics of study include climate change, poverty, deprivation, global shifts in economic power and the challenge of sustainable resource use. Students are also encouraged to understand their role in society, by considering different viewpoints, values and attitudes. There has never been a better or more important time to study geography. With growing interest in issues such as climate change, migration, environmental degradation and social cohesion, geography is one of the most relevant courses you could choose to study. Many students don't realise that geography also equips them with a broad range of personal learning and thinking skills, such as teamwork, independent enquiry and creative thinking this makes it a highly valued EBACC subject by employers and top universities.

**The course structure:**

**Paper 1** – Changing physical and human landscapes (1 hour 30 minutes exam)

- Section A - Landscapes and physical processes
- Section B - Rural and urban links
- Section C - Tectonic landscapes and hazards

**Paper 2** – Environmental and development issues (1 hour 30 minutes exam)

- Section A – Weather, climate and ecosystems
- Section B - Development and resource issues
- Section C - Environmental challenges

**Paper 3** – Applied Fieldwork Enquiry (1 hour 30 minutes exam)

- Section A - Fieldwork methods
- Section B - Your fieldwork experience
- Section C - A Decision Making Exercise (DME)

**How will I be taught?**

Geography encourages the development of a range of skills desperately sought by employers and universities. You will be experience a range of teaching and learning styles including group work, presentations, filming and documentary enquiries, and independent working. The department also has a range of relevant and up to date media resources and camera's to help students document the findings. In addition to classroom learning we also participate in several fieldwork experiences to Bakewell, Carding Mill Valley and Tenerife. We also develop the following attributes:

- Communication skills
- Interpersonal skills through debate and discussion
- Literacy and numeracy
- Problem solving skills
- Graphical and cartographical skills and technological skills, including ICT and GIS
- Entrepreneurial skills and awareness of career possibilities

**What can I do with my GCSE in Geography?**

Geography is a sought after qualification by employers and universities due to the diverse range of skills that students develop. Some of the careers geographers can go on to include law; planning; resource management; tourism; recreation; environmental management; construction and journalism. Geographers enter a very wide range of career areas and put simply **there is no such thing as a geography job, there are jobs that geographers do.** Studying geography provides you with valuable skills and a firm base for life-long learning.

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