

GCSE Geography

Career Pathways	In geography GCSE you will learn a wide range of skills that can be used in many different occupations. Skills you will learn include; statistical analysis, graph analysis and data collection. Careers geography can lead to include; landscape architect, environmental consultant, transport planning, nature conservation officer, tourism officer, market researcher and geography teacher.
Examination Board	OCR (Specification B)
Is this the right subject for me?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are you interested in the world we live in? Geography tackles the big issues – climate change, globalisation, sustainability, natural hazards, development and more. • Do you enjoy seeing geography in action through fieldwork? If so, study one of the most popular academic options subjects, with one of the best employment records.
What do I need to know, or be able to do, before taking this course?	<p>Geography is the study of where places are, what they are like, what life is like in those places and how places are changing. The study of GCSE Geography can help you to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gain a knowledge of your world and an understanding of current events. • Appreciate different cultures in this country and in other parts of the world. • Explore physical (natural) and human environments. • Develop a range of useful skills. These include map reading, graph and diagram drawing and interpretation, problem solving, data collection, decision making and analysis. The use of ICT is also encouraged and developed, particularly during the fieldwork investigation.
What will I learn?	<p>In this course students will study options that include both physical and human geography elements.</p> <p>Physical Geography: Global Hazards: Studying weather hazards and tectonic hazards like earthquakes. Changing Climate: Learning about the evidence for climate change, the reasons for it happening and the issues caused by it. Distinctive Landscapes: Studying specific landforms and how they are formed, such as river or coastal features like bays, waterfalls and more. Sustaining Ecosystems: Finding out about specific landscapes like rainforests, the Arctic and Antarctic and the issues that are facing them.</p> <p>Human Geography: Urban Futures: Discovering why so many people live in cities across the world and what issues and challenges are facing these populations. Dynamic Development: Learning about why some countries are richer than others and what the prospects for development and change are in those countries. UK in the 21st Century: Considering issues like population, economy, culture and more and how they are developing and changing in the UK.</p> <p>Resource Reliance: Studying the use of resources like food, energy and water and how they are supplied now and in the future.</p> <p>Geographical Skills: This section is all about learning to 'think like a geographer'. It includes using skills to interpret and represent data, such as using maps and creating graphs to explain information. These skills will then be used on a variety of topics from the other two sections.</p>
How the course will be assessed	Physical Geography, 'Our Natural World', examination paper – 35%, 1hour 15 minutes exam paper. Human Geography, 'People and Society', examination paper – 35%, 1hour 15 minutes exam paper. Geographical Skills, 'Geographical Exploration', examination paper – 30%, 1 hour 30 minutes exam paper.