

# GCSE Geography



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**AIM:** Geography is a facilitating subject. This means that it prepares you for a range of courses and it gives you skills that are transferable in any role. Facilitating subjects are highly sought after by colleges, universities and employers alike.

## Where will it take you?

Geography has become a sought-after subject and will definitely help you in the future. Geography GCSE can lead to a range of courses studied at A-Level including Geography, Geology and Environmental Science, whilst it is also an extremely popular choice of degree, with nearly all universities offering a range of Geography based courses. With climate change and sustainability in the news, lots of employers are keen to attract people who understand our planet.

The Geography GCSE course provides students with the skills and experience to progress onto A Level and beyond, and access a wide variety of future careers. Geography is a course, which brings together aspects of many other subjects including English, Mathematics and Science and is a subject highly regarded by many employers and further education courses. A Geography GCSE grade 4 or above demonstrates a clear understanding of interdependence on a range of scales and a high degree of critical thinking. Studying Geography opens up many career paths. Students can go on to study courses such as Human or Physical Geography, Environmental Science, Geology, Architecture and International Relations. People with a Geography degree and other qualifications can go on to become: Human Rights Workers; Teachers; Architects; Planners; Interpreters; Aid Workers; Environmental Scientists; Expedition Managers and GPS Developers to name but a few. Geography remains a popular A-level course, ranking in the top 10 choices nationally, and is the most gender equal qualification at A-level.

## What will you learn?

Students opting for GCSE Geography will learn through a variety of methods, using fieldwork, ICT, Maps, Photographs, Google Earth, DVDs, Presentation Work and model making.

<b>Natural Hazards</b>	<b>Living World</b>	<b>Physical Landscapes (2 topics)</b>
Tectonic Hazards	Ecosystems	Coastal landscapes
Weather Hazards	Tropical Rainforest	River landscapes
Climate Change	Hot Deserts	
<b>Challenges in the Human Environment</b>		
Urban Issues	Changing Economic World	Challenge of Resources
<b>Geographical Applications</b>		
Issues Evaluation	Fieldwork	

## **How will you learn?**

Students choosing Geography will be expected to attend booster and revision sessions prior to exams and can expect to receive at least one piece of homework each week. Three lessons per week and exciting fieldwork opportunities to consolidate learning in the classroom.

## **What skills will you need to complete the course?**

Geography is a subject which relies on a range of skills including observation, investigation, critical thinking, making connections, communication and discussion. Students will need literacy skills to critically discuss source information, and also require numeracy skills in order to create and interpret maps, graphs and data.

To succeed in GCSE Geography, students will need to demonstrate the ability to formulate enquiries, interpret findings and evaluate their own work. The course requires students to be independent learners who have the inclination to extend their own learning beyond the classroom. Geography is concerned with real world and current issues so students must be aware of these. Above all, students will need to be curious about the earth, and be able to apply ideas to new and changing settings.

**For further information please see Miss Haworth.**