

# GCSE Geography

## Which exam board do you use?

AQA – you can visit the exam board website to find out more:  
[www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/gcse/geography-8035](http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/gcse/geography-8035)

## What topics will I study?

In Year 10 you will study Urban Issues and Challenges, Physical Landscapes in the UK (rivers and coasts) and the Changing Economic World.

In Year 11 you will study The Living World (tropical rainforests and cold environments), The Challenge of Resource Management and The Challenge of Natural Hazards.

## What fieldwork do we do?

You will complete two days of fieldwork (one on a physical geography topic and one on a human geography topic). Please note the locations are subject to change but we currently complete the following fieldwork.

- In the summer term of Year 10 we visit Hamsterley Forest and investigate the changes in the river system downstream, collecting different types of data in and around the river.
- In the autumn term of Year 11 we visit the centre of Durham and investigate the challenges facing our local urban area, collecting different types of data on the different social, economic and environmental challenges the city centre faces.

## What type of careers can Geography GCSE lead to?

There are many jobs that use the knowledge and/or skills gained from geography qualifications – too many to list here! If you want to find out more about careers that use geography, it is worth visiting the career pages of the Royal Geographical Society and the Geographical Association, which are available here:

[www.rgs.org/geography/choose-geography/careers/](http://www.rgs.org/geography/choose-geography/careers/)

[www.geography.org.uk/Jobs-and-careers-in-geography](http://www.geography.org.uk/Jobs-and-careers-in-geography)

## How have Durham Johnston students performed at GCSE in previous years?

In previous years Durham Johnston students have attained outstanding results and made above average progress according to government measures. Here are the 2022 results:

Percentage of students achieving grades 7-9: **42%**

Percentage of students achieving grades 4-9: **79%**

## What other subjects is Geography GCSE useful for at A level?

Geography is either essential or recommended for progression to Post-16 courses in Geography, Environmental Science and Social Sciences (Sociology, Economics, Politics etc.)