



Careers in...

Geography

Advice for Year 10 & Year 11 Pupils



Why Geography?

Geography is more than just maps and countries; it's about understanding the world and tackling global challenges. A qualification in Geography can lead to exciting careers in diverse fields like environmental science, urban planning, business, vulcanology and beyond.



1. Explore Career Paths in Geography

Here are some common career options where Geography plays a key role:

- **Environmental Careers:** Ecologist, Conservation Officer, Environmental Consultant, Climate Scientist.
- **Urban Planning & Development:** Town Planner, Transport Planner, GIS Specialist.
- **Business and Management:** Market Researcher, Data Analyst, Sustainability Consultant.
- **Education and Research:** Teacher, University Researcher, Cartographer.
- **Travel and Tourism:** Travel Consultant, Tourism Development Officer.
- **Public Sector Roles:** Disaster Management, Policy Advisor, International Aid Worker.





2. Skills Geography Gives You

Studying Geography develops skills valued by employers:

- **Analytical Thinking:** Interpreting data and maps.
 - **Problem Solving:** Tackling issues like climate change or urban congestion.
 - **Communication:** Explaining complex topics.
 - **Research:** Conducting fieldwork and analysing findings.
 - **Teamwork:** Working on projects and group investigations.
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3. Subject Combinations and Education Pathways

- **At School:**

Pair Geography with subjects like Science (Biology, Chemistry), Economics or IT to prepare for specialised careers.

- **Further Education:**

Study Geography at A-level, then pursue degrees in Geography, Environmental Science, or Urban Planning.

Apprenticeships in related fields like Surveying or GIS are also available.



- **Professional Development:**

Professional certifications like GIS (Geographic Information Systems) expertise can enhance employability.



4. Geography in the Real World

To see Geography in action:

- Attend career talks and fairs featuring geographers. Some of these will be organised in school by your teachers.
- Look for work experience in planning offices, environmental agencies, or surveying firms.
- Participate in school or community geography projects, such as mapping or conservation efforts. The Eco-Club here at Priory is a great place to start!



5. What Can You Do Now?

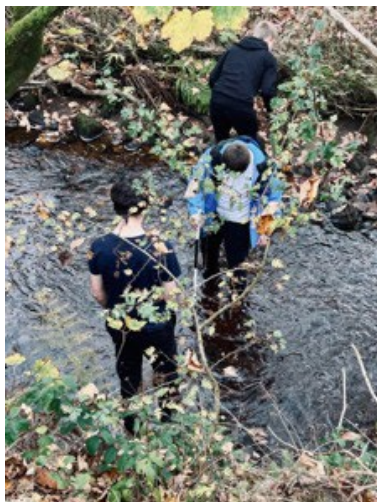
Year 10:

- Start exploring career options and talk to your teachers about career-related projects.
- Engage fully in your Geography GCSE fieldwork trips - they give real-world insight into the subject.



Year 11:

- Look into post-GCSE pathways, including A-levels, vocational courses, or apprenticeships. Speak to your Geography teachers and read the posters around the Humanities building about courses at Newman College and Runshaw College.
- Speak to your school's career adviser or Geography teacher for expert advice.



Useful Resources

- **Royal Geographical Society Careers Hub:** [rgs.org](https://www.rgs.org)
- **National Careers Service:** nationalcareers.service.gov.uk
- **Prospects Career Guide:** prospects.ac.uk

Geography is not just a subject - it's a pathway to shaping the future of our world. Whether you're passionate about the environment, cities, or global issues, there's a geography career for you!

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