

# Why Geography?



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Dealing with vital issues such as climate change and environmental issues, migration, cities and social issues and natural hazards, **GCSE Geography** is one of the most relevant subjects you could choose to **study**



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# Why Geography?

You will develop a broad range of skills – analytical, problem solving, statistical skills, combined with group work, discussion and extended writing skills

Enrichment opportunities – two fieldwork trips. One human geography and one physical geography



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# Course Outline

**Paper 1: Living with the physical environment**

**Paper 2: Challenges in the human environment**

**Paper 3: Geographical applications**



# Paper 1: Living with the physical environment

## What's assessed

- The challenge of natural hazards
- The living world (optional topic – cold environments)
- Physical landscapes in the UK (optional topics coastal landscapes in the UK and river landscapes in the UK)
- Geographical skills

Written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes  
35% of GCSE Questions



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# Paper 2: Challenges in the human environment

## What's assessed

- Urban issues and challenges
- The changing economic world
- The challenge of resource management (optional topic: food)
- Geographical skills

Written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes  
35% of GCSE Questions



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# Paper 3: Geographical Applications

## What's assessed

- Issue evaluation (based on pre-release material made available 12 weeks before the exam)
- Fieldwork (two compulsory fieldwork days needed – one physical and one human – Sand Dune Study, Sefton Coast and Salford Quays Urban Study)
- Geographical skills
  
- Written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes 30% of GCSE



## Results 2020/2021 (Teacher Assessed Grades)

31% grade 9

74 % grades 7-9

92% grades 6-9

100% grades 5-9

100% grades 4-9

## Results 2021/2022

37% grade 9

82% grades 7-9

90% grades 6-9

98% grades 5-9

99% grades 4-9

## Results 2022/2023

22% grade 9

68% grades 7-9

91% grades 6-9

96% grades 5-9

99% grades 4-9

Our students performed 20% higher on average percentage points compared to the national average



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# Further Career Opportunities

One of the major advantages of studying Geography is the flexibility in choosing a career path:

- Finance and business
- Environmental careers
- Town Planning
- Medicine
- Accounting
- Law
- Leisure and tourism
- Education
- Journalism



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# Why Geography at A-level?

A strong first choice A-level – as well as acting as a third-choice subject which sits well with the Arts and the Sciences.

A subject that offers a range of skills, a *facilitating* subject – it keeps your options for further study open.

Fieldwork to a variety of locations – four fieldwork days as a minimum

A subject which details with some of the most important issues of our times – geopolitics, globalisation, climate change, the role of global organisations such as the World Health Organisation



# Student Comments

“I enjoy the variety.”

“The booklets help us stay organised and on top of work.”

“The fieldworks allow us to see knowledge outside of the classroom.”

“The case studies are interesting.”





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Michael Palin: geography students hold  
the key to the world's problems

*Michael Palin*



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