

# WHY CHOOSE GCSE Geography?

Geography is the study of places and the relationships between people and their environments. Geographers explore the physical properties of the earth's surface and the human societies spread across it.

What can be more important for our future?

## WHAT WILL I STUDY?

### TITLE/UNIT 1 – Our Physical and Human World.

Here you will study:

- Drainage basin and rivers.
- Changing coastlines
- Migration
- Settlement Change

### TITLE/UNIT 3 – Our Dynamic and Diverse World.

- The geography of inequality
- The highs and lows of our weather
- Wild weather
- Continual climate change.
- Managing global challenges.

## HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

### EXAM 1 – Unit 1 Our Physical and Human World.

This is worth 30% of the qualification and is a written exam 1 hour 30 mins.

### EXAM 2 – Unit 3 Our dynamic and Diverse World.

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**Non-Examination Assessments (NEA)** – There are 2 NEA tasks:

### Unit 2 Developing Fieldwork Skills 25% of the qualification.

You will carry out a field work visit based on a topic such as, change over time or environment, and investigate this in a chosen location, writing a fieldwork enquiry that will be submitted to WJEC.

### Unit 4 Sustainable Solutions, 15% of the qualification

You will receive a resource booklet on a geographical issue and will also carry out background reading on the issue. You will then write a report based on a real-world issue in a decision-making task, reporting how sustainable the various options are likely to be.

## WHAT SKILLS WILL I DEVELOP?

- Geography is always in the news. You will develop skills to interpret, analyse and evaluate information to make decisions about issues and problems that affect people and the environment.
- An ability to collect, process, analyse and understand qualitative and quantitative data and communicate it to a variety of audiences.
- Develop a reasoned argument and communicate it to a variety of audiences.
- Teamwork and leadership skills.
- Studying geography allows you to develop a range of personal skills for life, including time management, dealing with uncertainty, flexibility, creativity, problem solving and self-confidence.

## CAREERS IN GEOGRAPHY

The transferable skills developed by studying geography are actively sought by employers. There is a wealth of jobs that geographers can do spanning almost every sector! Most jobs have an element of geography in them, whether a doctor investigating the spread of disease or an engineer designing products to cope with less demand for plastic.

"The study of geography is about more than just memorizing places on a map. It's about understanding the complexity of our world, appreciating the diversity of cultures that exists across continents. And in the end, it's about using all that knowledge to help bridge divides and bring people together." Barak Obama.

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