

# Year 9 Options Information

## GCSE Geography

# Description

## Outline of the Course

The course is divided into three main themes

### Section 1 : Living with the physical environment

In this section, study will focus on the challenge of natural hazards including volcanoes, earthquakes and tropical storms. Weather and climate change is also a focus, followed by physical landscapes of the UK including coasts and rivers. Finally, the living world which includes ecosystems such as tropical rainforests and hot desert environments.

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### Section 2 : Challenges in the human environment

This section covers population, urban growth, the changing economic world and global development. We study resources management, including the global distribution of food, water and energy and in particular detail, the demand for energy resources globally is also a focus.

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### Section 3 : Geographical applications and skills

This section involves the undertaking of two fieldwork tasks that will be assessed in the final examinations at the end of Year 11. pre-released material is received 12 weeks prior to the examination which will be studied in lesson time.

# Assessment

## There are three examinations at the end of Year 11

- The first examination focuses on section 1. It is 90 minutes long, worth 88% of the marks and makes up 35% of the total GCSE grade.
- The second examination is also 90 minutes long, worth 88 marks and is also worth 35% of the GCSE grade. This examination focuses on section 2 of the course.
- The final paper is 75 minutes long. It is worth 76 marks and makes up 30% of the total GCSE grade. This examination focuses on geographical application, fieldwork and skills.
- There is no controlled assessment for Geography.
- The course is assessed from the three examinations.

# Careers

It's very popular! 245,000 students took Geography nationally in 2018!

## What job can I do with a GCSE in Geography?

- Architect
- Town planner
- Social Worker
- Housing Developer
- Natural Disaster Manager
- Weather Forecaster
- Travel Agent
- Accountant
- Market Researcher
- Lawyer
- Civil servant
- Environmental health
- Armed forces
- Emergency services
- Crime statistical analysis
- Prime Minister
- Pilot
- Travel writer
- Landscape Gardener
- Photographer
- Journalist
- TV presenter
- Teacher
- Map writer

Geographers enter a very wide range of career areas and put simply there is no such thing as a geography job, just jobs that geographers do.



# Useful Links

AQA website <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/gcse/geography-8035>

BBC Bitesize – Jobs that use geography

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/tags/zbp3mfr/jobs-that-use-geography/1>

Royal Geographical Society

<https://www.rgs.org/geography/>

Cool Geography

<https://www.coolgeography.co.uk/>

Unemployment rate (2018-2019):

IT 9.4%, Physics 7.6%, Maths 7.5%

Biology 6.0%, DT 6.8%, Chemistry 6.3%, Arts 6.6%, Business

Studies 6.1%, History 5.7%, English 5.4%, History 5.7%, Average

unemployment 5.1%, **Geography 4.8%**

# GCSE Geography student

Geography is one of those lessons that make you realise how the world works and it gives you that grounding before you even begin to go places. It opens your eyes to things around you and gives you a look at how cultures work and how the world can be deadly as well as beautiful. Personally, geography's taught me to be aware that the world's constantly changing and being factual and precise can be as good as important as being imaginative. It's so inspiring and surrounds us in everyday life. This is why I think geography is so crucial to learn.

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Geography at GCSE

