

GCSE Geography

What will I study? GCSE geography builds on topics you have already covered at KS3.

Living with the Physical Environment

Topics:

1. The challenge of natural hazards:
 - How are earthquakes, volcanoes and tropical storms formed and how do they effect people?
 - What is climate change and how does it effect people?
2. The living world
 - What are tropical rainforests and hot deserts like?
 - How have plants and animals adapted to live in these environments?
3. Physical landscapes in the UK
 - How are coastal and glacial landforms created?
 - How can we protect land for coastal erosion?

Challenges in the Human Environment

Topics:

1. Urban issues and challenges
 - What challenges face people living in cities?
 - What are slums like?
 - How can cities become sustainable and environmentally friendly?
1. The changing economic world
 - Why are some countries richer than others?
 - How did Nigeria develop into an NEE?
 - How does Fairtrade and aid help countries to develop?
1. The challenge of resource management
 - Why do some countries experience a lack of water? How does this impact them and what can be done to help them?

Geographical Applications

Pre-release booklet 12 weeks before paper 3

1. Issue evaluation based on a pre-release booklet.
 - Previous issues have included:
How a new road be built through Peru's tropical rainforest?
1. Fieldwork
2. Geographical skills

2019 GCSE Results

69% achieved a **grade 4** or **above** (National average 66%)

30% achieved a **grade 7** or **above** (National average 25%)

Why pick GCSE Geography – what do GCSE ad A Level geography students say?

- ‘I feel really supported in geography and the explanations are always clear.’
- ‘I find the exam practice in lessons very useful which helps me to understand how to do well in my GCSEs.’
- ‘I think it is important to know about the issues facing the world and people and in geography we also look at how we can solve these problems which I find interesting.’
- ‘The environment is at risk and we need to learn how to protect it.’
- ‘I chose geography GCSE as it looked like a really interesting course and linked well with many of my other options. Geography provides me with many interchangeable skills such as being able to analyse maps, comprehending secondary data, and improving my essay writing skills. I would recommend GCSE geography to anyone as it has such varied course content and provides students with so many learning opportunities.’
- ‘I took geography at GCSE after being fascinated by the world we live in through what we learnt at KS3 and wanted to understand this more. I really enjoyed the idea of learning about geographical research and applying this ourselves. I also liked the many links it has with other subjects that allow for a better understanding.’
- ‘I chose GCSE Geography as Geography helps you to make sense of the world around you and current issues that are occurring. Geography is seen as a robust academic subject that is rich in skills, knowledge and understanding. It is also a very facilitating subject in terms of what you can combine it with at GCSE and also at A Level and employers and universities like to see this.’

Frequently Asked Questions?

How will I be supported and challenged?

All lessons have support and challenge tasks (see powerpoint below), each lesson also has a support sheet if needed. Teachers will also support and extend your thinking where appropriate.

How will we prepare for exam questions?

In GCSE geography there are a range of questions; multiple choice questions and 2, 4, 6 and 9 mark questions. We begin to prepare for these questions from the beginning of Year 10 by completing exam questions in the lessons with lots of teacher support and guidance.

Are there any school trips?

In Year 11 we complete a geography trip to Cromer, Norfolk to support you with your GCSE exams.


Please speak to Mrs McGill-Goding or Mr Hobbs if you have any other questions, we are happy to help.

How is urban planning improving Lagos?
7-9: To be able to evaluate urban planning strategies in Lagos.
4-6: To be able to clearly explain how urban planning is being used to reduce the challenges of urban growth in Lagos.
1-3: To be able to describe how urban planning is being used to reduce the challenges of urban growth in Lagos.

Task 1: Living in a Slum

Imagine you live in Makoko, a slum in Lagos:

1. How would you feel? Why?
2. Should the Nigerian government improve Makoko and slums like it?



Challenge: Should locations like Makoko be improved or demolished? Justify your opinion.

Support: Use the support sheet.