

GCSE Geography

Course content and overview

Geography adopts an enquiry approach to the study of geographical issues, concepts and information, where learners will deepen their knowledge of the world, the challenges it faces and their place within it. It allows learners to become critical and reflective thinkers by engaging in the enquiry process and posing questions about our human and physical world. This course develops and extends learners' knowledge of locations, places, environments and processes. Learners will investigate several key geographical concepts such as cause and effect, cycles and flows, geographical futures and sustainable communities. The integration of appropriate geographical skills will enable young people to become globally and environmentally informed and thoughtful, enquiring citizens.

Fieldwork is an essential aspect of this qualification, where learners will consolidate and extend their understanding of geographical concepts learned in the classroom by engaging with enquiries conducted outside of the classroom and school grounds. By posing enquiry questions, learners develop the ability to relate these concepts to real world situations to make sense of wider spatial patterns. Within the fieldwork and geographical enquiry, learners will be given the opportunity to analyse a variety of maps, graphs, photographs and data sets, developing their mathematical, cartographic, mapping and statistical skills.

Assessment Details Exam Board: WJEC

Unit 1: Changing physical and Human Landscapes (written exam, 40% of qualification)

- Theme 1 – Landscapes and Physical Processes
- Theme 2 – Rural-Urban Links
- Theme 4 – Coastal Hazards and their Management

Unit 2: Environmental and Development Issues (written exam, 40% of qualification)

- Theme 5 – Weather, Climate and Eco-systems
- Theme 6 – Development and Resource Issues
- Theme 8 – Environmental Challenges

Unit 3: Fieldwork Enquiry and Non-examination Assessment (Coursework assessment, 20% of qualification)

Pupils will have the opportunity to attend 2 fieldwork trips to complete an enquiry investigation.

Useful Revision Guides, resources and websites

The Geography GCSE specification can be found at [GCSE Geography \(wjec.co.uk\)](https://www.wjec.co.uk/gcse-geography)

Revision materials can be found on the following websites:

[GCSE Geography - WJEC - BBC Bitesize](#)

[@MrsHumanities \(youtube.com\)](#)

[WJEC Educational Resources Website](#)

Revision textbook can be bought on Amazon [WJEC GCSE Geography Second Edition: Amazon.co.uk: Owen, Andy, Coleman, Gregg, Davis, Val, Digby, Bob, Leeder, Andy, Owen, Glyn: 9781510477551: Books](#)

Supporting Home Learning - Completion of home study and regular revision of teaching notes will enable pupils to embed their knowledge and ensure familiarity with the key skills and different question types. The revision will aid home learning.

Progression Routes & Careers - Geography GCSE will equip learners with essential skills including geographical literacy, ability to pose questions, analyse and interpret the world around them, creating an ethical and sustainable citizen. With the movement towards a sustainable future, Geography provides the foundation for learners to fully understand sustainability, which can be used across a wide range of career pathways. Learners will develop communication and numeracy skills which will prepare them for the world of work. For further information on careers relating to Geography, please visit this link. [Careers linked to Geography \(gov.wales\)](#)

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