



Geography: Meet My Subject



Why pick GCSE Geography?

Geography helps you to make sense of the world around you. It is hands on, relevant and fun. If you want to study a subject that is current, helps explain a lot about the world and the way it is, then this is the subject for you.

Some of the most topical and challenging issues facing us such as, global warming, sustainable food production, natural disasters, the reason for migration and the future of energy resources are just some of the issues you will cover.

You will also gain a wide range of skills such as:

- Analytical skills. Analysing information from a variety of sources such as maps, photographs as well as statistics.
- Fieldwork and sampling skills.
- Literacy skill, both developed through reading resources and answering the longer exam questions.

Geography is also an EBacc subject. The EBacc is made up of a combination of subjects which are considered essential to many degrees and open up lots of doors.

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The exam board is AQA and all exams are completed at the end of Yr 11. The course consists of:

Paper	Subject Content.	Topics Covered	Assessment
1	Living with the physical environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The challenge of natural hazards. • The living world • Physical landscapes in the UK. • Geographical skills 	1 hour 30 min exam 88 marks 35% of GCSE
2	Challenges in the human environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban issues and challenges • The changing economic world • The challenge of resource management 	1 hour 30 min exam 88 marks 35% of GCSE
3	Geographical Applications.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue evaluation (pre released resources to evaluate) • Fieldwork based questions. 	1 hour 15 min exam 76 marks 30% of GCSE

There is no coursework but fieldwork is a requirement of the course (2 days of data collection) and is assessed in paper 3.

What can you do with GCSE Geography?

Employers and universities see geography as a robust academic subject rich in skills, knowledge and understanding. As a subject linking the arts and the sciences it is highly flexible in terms of what you can combine it with, both at GCSE and A Level. If you choose to take geography on to university there are literally hundreds of courses to choose from and the range of career areas accessed by graduates of geography will probably surprise you. Careers and jobs can include (but are not limited to) journalism, environmental consultancy, international development, planning and sustainable energy production.

Geography Lessons.

Lessons will cover the content of the course but are delivered in a variety of ways such as structured activities, independent research and collaborative work. Assessments are conducted at the mid-point and end of a unit. Shorter learning checks are conducted at regular intervals during a unit. Developing the range of skills required for exams, but in an enjoyable yet challenging way is a key aim of our lessons.

For further information.

https://padlet.com/WHS_GEOG/yizgijzvtfg0qmaa

This padlet has lots of information about Geography at Woodbridge and includes details of:

- KS3 (Yr 7-9); KS4 (Yr10-11) and KS5 (Yr 12-13). There are useful links about careers as well.
- Please feel free to contact members of the department below for further information.