

CAREERS INFORMATION

Career Areas

Geographical skills are valuable in a wide range of career sectors, including: working with development or aid agencies, environmental work, working for the census office and in tourism and leisure.

Archaeologist, Cartographer, Civil or Structural Engineering, Countryside Ranger, Environmental consultant, Forest Ranger, Game Keeper, Geologist, Geophysicist, Landscape Architect, Meteorologist, Mining Engineer, Nature Conservationist, Oceanographer, Outdoor Activities Instructor, Surveying, Secondary Teacher of Geography, Tour Manager or Leader, Town and Country Planner, Travel Agency Manager, Travel Consultant.

OTHER INFORMATION

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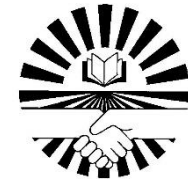
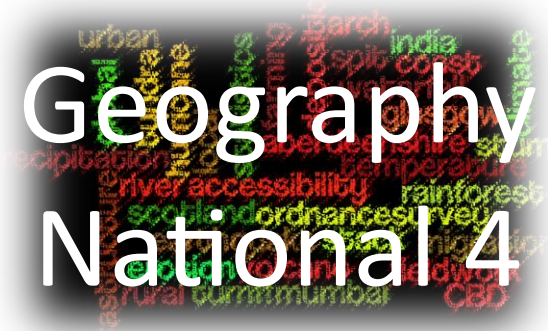
Fieldwork is a very important part of any Geography course. Fieldwork is carried out locally around Turriff.

There are a number of fieldwork opportunities e.g. two day fieldtrip to Aviemore and the Cairngorms which covers most of the data gathering needed for the value added unit. The landscape there offers opportunities for looking at the Physical landscape (Glaciation and Rivers) and how people use the landscape. (Rothiemurchus Estate and Cairngorm Mountain and the funicular railway).



The department also runs various foreign trips the Activities week which are open to all pupils across the school.

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COURSE INFORMATION

Why study National 4 Geography?

Geography is the study of our changing physical world and how people live in it. You will learn about different countries and cultures. You will develop important skills such as investigation, teamwork and critical thinking.

Course Outline

You will study the features of the earth – such as mountains, rivers and seas – and how they were formed. You will learn how to use a range of equipment and techniques such as map reading, data collection, ICT and problem-solving. You will find out about cultures and backgrounds of people from all over the world. There will be opportunities for practical activities, including fieldwork.

The course has **three** compulsory units, plus an **added value** unit that assesses your practical skills:

Geography: Physical Environments

In this unit you will:

- develop your geographical skills relating to physical environments
- learn about processes and interactions at work within physical environments, including: the location of different types of landscape; how landscape features are formed; land use management and sustainability; and weather

Geography: Human Environments

In this unit you will:

- develop your geographical skills in the context of human environments
- learn about processes and interactions at work within human environments
- study and compare developed and developing

countries, including topics such as: contrasts in development; world population distribution and change; and issues in changing urban and rural landscapes.

Geography: Global Issues

In this unit you will:

- develop your skills in using sources of numerical and graphical information in the context of global issues
- study some global geographical issues such as: climate change and sustainability; the impact of world climates; environmental hazards; trade and globalisation; and development and health
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Course Assessment Unit: Geography Assignment

In this unit you will:

- research a geographical issue of your choice and present your findings.

ASSESSMENT

Your work will be assessed by your teacher on an ongoing basis throughout the course. Items of work might include:

written work - research assignments, reports and case studies, projects, class-based exams.

You must pass all the units including the practical unit to gain the course qualification

PROGRESSION

What follows on from National 4 Geography?

