

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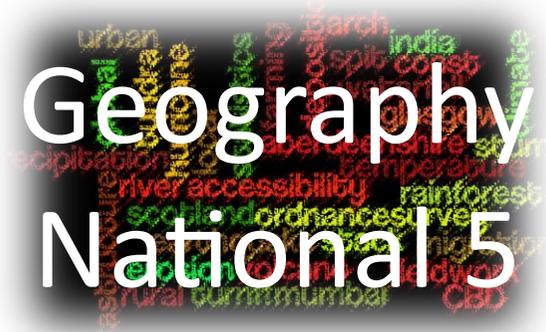
Fieldwork is a very important part of any Geography course. Fieldwork is carried out locally around Turriff.

There are a number of fieldwork opportunities e.g. two day fieldtrip to Aviemore and the Cairngorms which covers most of the data collection 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 5 Geography?

Studying Geography will help you to understand topics that affect us all, such as environment, sustainability and the impact of global issues on health and wellbeing. You will learn how to use maps and other data to organise and communicate geographical information. Fieldwork and other practical activities will help to develop your teamwork and leadership skills and give you the opportunity to carry out research on geographical topics.

### 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. The units are the same as those for **National 4**, but you will have to produce a higher standard of work.

### Geography: Physical Environments

In this unit you will:

- develop your geographical skills relating to physical environments
- develop a more detailed knowledge and understanding of the 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

- study some different types of landscape found in Scotland and/or the UK, such as glaciated upland; upland limestone; coastlines of erosion and deposition; and rivers and their valleys.

### Geography: Human Environments

In this unit you will:

- develop your geographical skills in the context of human environments
- develop a more detailed knowledge and understanding of the 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
- develop a more detailed knowledge and understanding of major global geographical issues such as: climate change and sustainability; the impact of world climates; environmental hazards; trade and globalisation; and development and health
- learn more about the strategies adopted to manage these issues.

### Added Value Unit: Geography Assignment

In this unit you will:

- research a geographical issue using a range of skills
- write up the assignment using a structured template under exam conditions within 1 hour.

## 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 will also sit a written exam marked by the Scottish Qualification Authority (SQA).

You must pass the all the course units including the practical assessment plus the written exam to be awarded the course qualification.

The course assessment is graded A-D.

## PROGRESSION

### What follows on from National 5 Geography?

