## Why Geography?

## This course is designed to enable you to use geographical analysis to develop a detailed understanding of important aspects of the contemporary world. This involves studying the ways that people and the environment interact and examining the environmental issues that arise in a rapidly changing world. Throughout the course you will have the opportunity to develop a wide range of skills including research, evaluation and presentation, IT, mapping and statistics. The skills you learn in Geography 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

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**Details of Course Components**

**Course Outline**

The course consists of three compulsory units and the course assessment unit.

**Geography: Physical Environments**

Key topics include:

• Atmosphere

• Hydrosphere

• Lithosphere

• Biosphere.

**Geography: Human Environments**

Key topics include:

• Population

• Rural

• Urban

**Geography: Global Issues**

Key topics include:

• River basin management

• Development and health

• Global climate change

• Trade, aid and geopolitics

• Energy

**Assignment**

• identifying a geographical topic or issue

• carrying out research, which should include fieldwork where appropriate

• demonstrate knowledge of the suitability of the methods and/or reliability of the sources used

• processing and using a range of information gathered

• drawing on detailed knowledge and understanding of the topic or issue

• analysing information from a range of sources

• reaching a conclusion supported by a range of evidence on a geographical topic or issue

• communicating information

**ASSESSMENT**

The course assessment has two components:

• 2 question papers (160 marks/ 73%)

• An assignment (30 marks / 27%)

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National 5 Geography

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National 4 History

National 5 History

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National 5 Modern Studies

Higher Modern Studies

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## Useful websites to help you with your choices:

[www.myworldofwork.co.uk](http://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/) www.skillsdevelopmentscotland. co.uk

*Further advice and information on these options is available from your subject* *teacher, guidance teacher and careers adviser.*