

## 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.

### 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 some of the following:

- River basin management
- Development and health
- Global climate change
- Trade, aid and geopolitics
- Energy.

### ASSESSMENT

The course assessment has two components:

- 2 question papers (140 marks)
  - Paper 1: Physical Environments and Human Environments (100 Marks)
  - Paper 2: Global Issues and Skills (40 Marks)

There is also the possibility of an assignment and fieldwork in relation to the course in line with SQA requirements.



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### Courses in Turriff Academy

National 4 Geography  
National 5 Geography  
Higher Geography  
Advanced Higher Geography

National 4 History  
National 5 History  
Higher History  
Advanced Higher History

National 4 Modern Studies  
National 5 Modern Studies  
Higher Modern Studies

Higher Politics

National 4 RMPS  
National 5 RMPS  
Higher RMPS

### Useful websites to help you with your choices:

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

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