

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 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
Advanced 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
www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk

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