

# Geography GCSE

## **What do you study?**

Ever wondered why volcanoes erupt, why weather can be so destructive to people's homes and how cities around the world are growing? GCSE Geography can help you to answer these questions and many more. It will enable you to make sense of the world around you at a truly unique time when global resources are at their lowest and the threats to civilisation their highest. You will learn to ask questions that lead to important answers. You will study and explore a range of contemporary human and physical topics which together inspire a sense of wonder and awe about people and places, both at home and abroad. Are you ready for the challenge? We do 2 days of fieldwork one based on data collection with a focus on Physical Geography and the other day has a focus on Human Geography. Both days, are carried out within the South West local Region.

## **Significant differences from KS3?**

The KS4 programme of study will build upon what is learnt at KS3, as well as introduce new concepts and ideas in a range of contemporary topics.

## **Why Study Geography?**

Choosing to study Geography as one of your subjects could lead to an enormous variety of jobs in architecture, cartography, landscape architecture, agriculture, environmental health, estate management, nature conservation, banking, business, civil service, archaeology, law, publishing, marketing, tourism, civil engineering, meteorology, mining, navigation, surveying and transport.

## **How is the course assessed?**

There will be 3 exams all of which are sat at the end of Year 11.

### **Exam Paper One: 1hr 30 mins**

This will be a physical paper covering several topics which will include weather and climate hazards and the living world.

### **Exam Paper Two: 1hr 30 mins**

This will be a human paper covering several topics which will include studying world cities, global economic developments and resource management.

### **Exam Paper Three: 1hr 15 mins**

This paper focuses on fieldwork where students will answer questions on **2** different fieldwork environments they have undertaken during the course. This paper will also look more widely at the UK and its current issues.

**Exam board link:** <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/gcse/geography-8035>