

# gese GEOGRAPHY



Interested in finding out about the world we live in? Want to know how it works?

*Then Geography is for you!*

*The planet constantly changes - new countries are made, political situations change, hurricanes affect coastlines and flooding happens & we have the opportunity to study the most up to date information.*

### Unit 1 - Changing Physical and Human Landscapes

Students will study physical processes such as rivers and coasts & their management as well as rural-urban links & sustainable cities. We will study two global cities & their connections within the world. Students will also have the opportunity to study vulnerable coastlines, their sea defence management & possible future threats, eg Global Warming and sea level rise and how cities and countries are dealing with this.

### Unit 2 - Environmental & Development Issues

Here students can gain an understanding of weather and climate and their links with ecosystems. We will study hurricanes and droughts and what affects the conditions in different locations. We will study Tropical rainforests and the sustainable management of fragile ecosystems. Students can also look at the global inequalities between countries and how international charities and organisations can help improve quality of life. E.g. Fair Trade, water management and poverty.

### Unit 3 - Non-Examined Assessment

*Students will take part in two fieldworks and gather information and data in order to prepare for their fieldwork question. One fieldwork will be in Year 10 and one in Year 11.*

*Pupils will prepare for the NEA in their portfolio books, which they will be allowed to take into the assessment with them.*

*The Enquiry will be written in school during the Autumn Term Year 11, then sent to the WJEC for marking.*

*The Methodology and Key Concept changes every year.*



# Exam

<i>Unit 1 Changing physical and human landscapes</i>	<i>Unit 2 Environmental and Development Issues</i>	<i>Unit 3 NEA</i>
<i>Completed in Year 10</i>	<i>Completed in Year 11</i>	<i>Completed throughout KS4</i>
<i>Examined at the end of Year 11</i>	<i>Examined at the end of Year 11</i>	<i>Completed Autumn Term Year 11</i>
<i>Worth 40%</i>	<i>Worth 40%</i>	<i>Worth 20%</i>
<i>One Exam 1hr 30mins</i>	<i>One Exam 1hr 30mins</i>	<i>Class Assessment 2hrs 30mins</i>

## Staff

*All classes taught by experienced subject specialists*

*Head of Geography and ESDGC  
Mrs. Roberta Mason*

*Head of Tourism and Duke of Edinburgh  
Mrs. Kate Penquet*

## Geography's relevance to further study and careers

Dear Parents or Guardians

Having studied geography myself, and now having the privilege of writing and presenting TV programmes about the geography of Britain and places further afield, I know the real benefit that studying this subject can bring.

Geography is an academically robust subject which spans the social and physical sciences and promotes a lifelong interest and fascination in how the world works.

It is part of the academic group of English Baccalaureate GCSE subjects and the Russell Group of universities has recognised A Level geography as one of their preferred 'facilitating subjects'; which supports an application into a wide range of undergraduate courses.

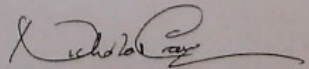
The knowledge and transferable skills that geographers gain from their degree studies are highly relevant to the workplace and I am delighted to say that geography graduates experience some of the lowest levels of graduate unemployment. You will find geographers working in every sector of the economy including the City, local businesses, not-for-profit organisations, leading highly relevant research or as key decision makers in local and national government.

Studying geography also helps us to understand many of the issues we face in Britain and globally, such as how we might respond to the impact of climate change or be better prepared for natural hazards. It is the new research undertaken by geographers that is informing the debate about these challenges and helping us to navigate through the world's geographically complex people, places and environments.

With rising numbers of candidates studying geography at GCSE, A Level and university there is no better time to be studying this enjoyable, exciting and highly relevant subject.

Geography is a subject that has mattered to me and has the potential to matter to everyone. So, alongside their other academic interests, I would encourage your son or daughter to choose to study a GCSE or A level in geography and I do hope they will enjoy and be successful in their future studies.

With best wishes



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Geography will help you develop communication & teamwork skills & employers love the mix of technical & social skills which they see as very transferable, i.e. useful for a whole range of jobs. Geography is great for any kind of career involving the environment, planning, interpreting data, problem-solving or working with people.

Popular careers include:  
town or transport planning, surveying, conservation, sustainability, environmental planning, tourism, architecture, weather forecasting, journalism or teaching.  
The army, police, government, finance, research organisations, law & business worlds also love the practical research skills that geographers develop.

## Views of current GCSE students

“Geography has helped me with my other subjects like Maths and Science”

“I have learnt many skills and ways to revise my work”

“Geography is a brilliant facilitating subject to help you get into university”

“Geography has helped me form valid opinions and present my work confidently to the class”



“Geography has helped me understand the real world around me and how I fit into it”

