

GCSE GEOGRAPHY

Type of subject:
Academic



This subject goes well with:
Science (in particular Biology and Chemistry), Maths, History, English.

If you pick this subject don't also pick:
There are no discounting subjects

Examples of topics studied:

The challenge posed by natural hazards like the eruption of volcanoes and tropical storms. Current global issues such as climate change and the threat of deforestation in tropical rainforests. What happens at coast lines and how humans are impacted by this.

The challenge of living in ever-growing cities, and how this impacts the natural environment. Managing world resources for a sustainable future, including energy futures. The causes and impacts of different levels of economic development in the twenty first century.

The course also includes a minimum of two days of fieldwork, where practical geography is studied, alongside the chance to secure understanding of core concepts by observing them in real life.

How is the course assessed?

Students sit three papers. Two written exam papers (70%) test students' understanding of the six themes of study. A third paper (30%) tests students' decision-making skills using a pre-released theme, alongside field work skills.

Additional information:

"We all live our lives geographically. Planet Earth is our home. It is awesome, diverse, inspiring and ever changing. Studying geography invites us to participate more fully in the excitement, enjoyment and challenge of this dynamic world." This is the view of the Geographical Association, and is shared by the Geography Department at Lawnswood. We want to encourage students to be curious about the world, understand current global concepts, and become proactive international citizens.

GCSE Geography teaches you skills like, problem solving, understanding decision making, data presentation interpreting maps and satellite images, using geographical information systems (GIS) like Google Earth and multi-map, investigating issues and how to collect, organise and present information.

Geography is really useful because it helps you prepare for careers in areas like engineering, urban planning, disaster management, construction, army, relief and charity work, and many others. It also helps to keeps your options open; Geography is great because we do lots of skills work across all sorts of topics and look at lots of different issues.

Who should I talk to if I want to ask about this subject?



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