

# Welcome to GCSE Geography



"The study of Geography is about more than just memorizing places on a map. It's about understanding the complexity of our world, appreciating the diversity of cultures that exists across continents. And in the end, it's about using all that knowledge to help bridge divides and bring people together."

Barack Obama



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# Specification Information

## Paper 1 - Living with the physical environment

THE CHALLENGE OF NATURAL HAZARDS: Tectonic hazards, Weather hazards, Climate change

THE LIVING WORLD: Ecosystems, Tropical rainforests, Hot deserts.

PHYSICAL LANDSCAPES IN THE UK: Coastal landscapes, River landscapes

## Paper 2 - Challenges in the human environment

URBAN ISSUES AND CHALLENGES: The urban world, Urban change in the UK:

Urban sustainability

THE CHANGING ECONOMIC WORLD: The development gap, Case-study of a NEE, Changing UK economy

THE CHALLENGE OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT: Resource management, Energy management

## Paper 3 - Geographical applications

ISSUE EVALUATION: Issue evaluation

FIELDWORK: Fieldwork, Geographical skills

100%  
exam  
3 papers  
at the  
end of  
Year 11

Topics in RED  
build upon what  
you have learnt  
at KS3.

## AQA Geography (9-1) Specification



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# What you will learn

- Geography helps you to make sense of the world around you. It is hands on, it is relevant and it is fun. The AQA course is a good mix of topics such as urban issues, world development, extreme environments, rivers and hazards – to name but a few. The course will give you the chance to get to grips with some of the big questions which affect our world, and understand the social, economic and physical forces and processes which shape and change our world.
- There are so many ways of learning in geography. It is very practical, with opportunities to learn new skills such as map skills, interpreting photographs, fieldwork skills, presenting, role play and debating techniques. You will improve your literacy through your report writing and written work and make practical use of your numeracy skills when you interpret data and construct graphs. Fieldwork, or working outside the classroom, is a really important part of geography. Whether you go locally or get the chance to travel further away, it will be a brilliant opportunity to experience some of the things you have learnt about in class, see things differently and of course have fun.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iATfXV4lu4M>



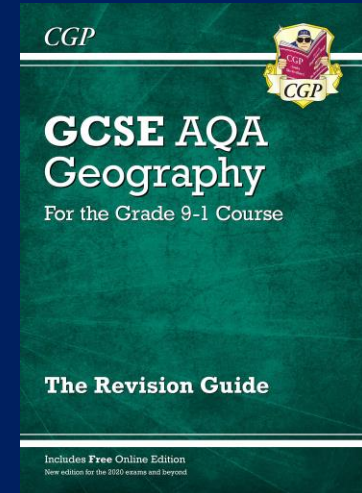
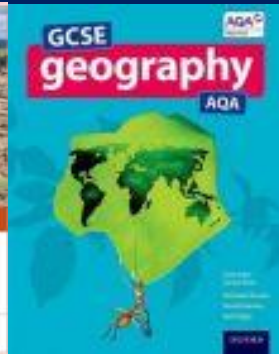
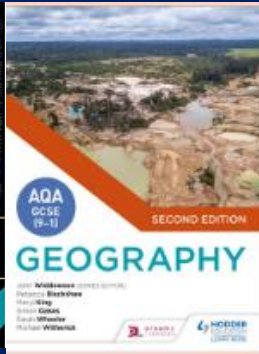
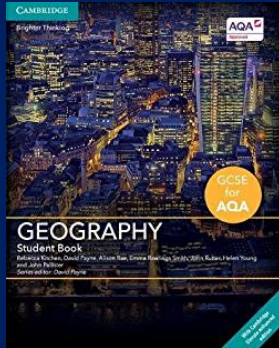
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# Resources



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# Skills developed

## Resilience

## Initiative

You get to learn about physical systems that affect everyday life (e.g. water cycles, climate change, coastal erosion)

You will be able to make sensible judgements about matters involving relationships between the physical environment and society

## Independence

Learning the location of places and the characteristics of those places in order to function more effectively in our increasingly interdependent world

## Communication

To understand global interdependence and to become a better global citizen

## Debate and reasoning

Get to grips with practical skills such as using GIS, interpreting photos, map reading, presenting and also debating topical issues

## Leadership

You will recognise spatial distributions at all scales – local and worldwide – in order to understand the complex connectivity of people and places

- Geography is **not** just about rivers and coasts.
- Geography is **not** just countries and cities.
- Geography is **not** just for weather forecasters and geography teachers.

• There is so much more...

# Finding out more about the value of Geography

Geography is one of the most employable subjects in the UK - 90% of graduates in 6 months have jobs. That's in the top 6 of the country!

Geographers are seen as employable due to their combination of transferrable skills including problem-solving and critical thinking. Skills learnt in Geography are used in a number of different jobs - not just the careers that are explicitly geographical.

Careers in Geography: <https://geography.org.uk/curriculum-support/support-guidance-promoting-geography/careers-in-geography-getting-started/>

Why study Geography? <https://www.rgs.org/choose-geography/choose-geography-at-school/at-gcse>



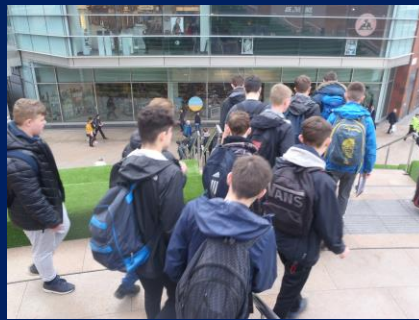
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# GCSE Residential – For Paper 3

## What is the residential?

- To access part of the curriculum you will be offered the opportunity of a 2 night residential to Wales and Liverpool to complete your fieldwork in preparation for paper 3.
- The first day of this residential will be spent conducting a river study at Kingswood Colomendy in the Welsh Hill. At the night the boys will have a chance to undertake some of the outdoor activities offered at the centre.
- The second day of field study will be in Liverpool city centre. This is to allow boys to complete your urban field work ( in the CBD) and look into how we regenerate and conserve this area (part of Paper 2).



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# Where can you find more information

- West Hill Geography Twitter - [@WH\\_Geog](#)
- Geography subject page on school website - [West Hill School – Geography](#)
- UCAS Geography Career Page - <https://wwwucas.com/explore/subjects/geography>



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