



GEOGRAPHY

What will you study during the course?

There are three components that make up the Geography course.

Paper One: Global Geographical Issues

- **Hazardous Earth:** The world's climate system; extreme weather events; tectonic hazards
- **Development Dynamics:** The study of global inequality and a case study of India as an emerging country
- **Challenges of an Urbanising World:** The causes and challenges of rapid urbanisation and a case study of one named megacity from an emerging or developing country, such as Mumbai

Paper Two: UK Geographical Issues

- **The UK's evolving physical landscape:** An overview of the physical landscapes in the UK including the study of coastal change and conflict and river processes and pressures
- **The UK's evolving human landscape:** An overview of the changing human landscape of the UK and a case study of one named city in the UK
- **Geographical investigations:** This is fieldwork— one physical and one human investigation

Paper Three: People and Environment Issues - Making Geographical Decisions

- **People and the biosphere:** A study of the global distribution and characteristics of large-scale ecosystems
- **Forests under threat:** Studies of the tropical rainforests and the taiga
- **Consuming energy resources:** A study of renewable and non-renewable energy

How will the course be taught?

Geography has some practical aspects to it. There are opportunities to learn new skills such as computer based mapping (called GIS), map skills, interpreting photographs, fieldwork skills, presenting and debating techniques. Students will improve their literacy through report writing and written work and make practical use of numeracy skills when they make calculations, interpret data and construct graphs.

How will your work be assessed?

Component	Assessment	Proportion of total marks
Paper 1: Global Geographical Issues	1 hour and 30 minutes written external examination with short answers and extended writing.	37.5%
Paper 2: UK Geographical Issues	1 hour and 30 minutes written external examination with short answers and extended writing.	37.5%
Paper 3: People and Environment Issues – Making Geographical Decisions	1 hour and 30 minutes written external examination with short answers and extended writing.	25%

Where can it lead?

Geography could lead to exciting career prospects - geography achieves good examination results nationally and is one of the most versatile subjects. Geography is classified as a science subject in many universities when studied at A Level, again proving its versatility. Careers linked to the environment and sustainability include environmental engineers, pollution analysts, forestry managers. The business world is also full of geographers: financial risk assessors, logistics managers, retail, lawyers – the possibilities are endless.