

Geography

Geography can offer you a wide range of transferable skills that can be useful now, for the examination, and when you have left school.

Very often the degree that has the highest employability rating for newly qualified graduates is Geography.

Geography is a very well respected academic subject that crosses over between the arts and the sciences.



Qualification: GCSE
Examination Board: AQA
Specification Code: 8035

Topics Covered

- Natural hazards
- Weather hazards
- Climate change
- Ecosystems
- Coastal landscapes
- Resource management
- River landscapes
- Population & migration
- Sustainable cities
- Economic development
- UK Industrial change
- Food, supply & demand

Assessment

You will have three written exams. Papers 1 and 2 are 1 hour 30 minutes long and together, they contribute to 70% of your final mark.

Paper 1 is on 'Living with the physical environment'.

Paper 2 is on 'Challenges of the human environment'.

Paper 3 is 1 hour 15 minutes and contributes to the final 30% of your GCSE grade. Paper 3 is on 'Geographical applications' e.g. testing your fieldwork knowledge and skills.

Course Progression

A Level Geography is offered here at Swanshurst Sixth Form where we follow the Edexcel board.

The A level specification looks at some very contemporary topics that often dominate the news, such as climate change, hazards, globalisation and international migration.

A residential fieldtrip is also undertaken in Year 12 to Holderness, Yorkshire to look at things such as coastal erosion.

Career Opportunities

Employers like geography qualifications because they demonstrate a wide range of skills, including numeracy, graphicacy, empathy, data collection, self-motivation and teamwork skills.

Career opportunities such as teaching, environmental health and pollution control are just a few careers open to you.