

# Choose Geography at GCSE

*"Geography is the subject that holds the key to our future"*  
*Michael Palin*



*Geography is all around you... It's real-  
life... It's relevant... It's happening now!  
And it's fun!*

*The world in which we live is likely to change more in the next 50 years than it has ever done before. Geography explains why, and helps to prepare you for those changes...*



IT'S HARD TO  
CHANGE THE WORLD WHEN  
YOU DON'T  
KNOW MUCH  
ABOUT IT

# Course outline – AQA exam board

The course is made up of three units covered throughout the two years. It is a LINEAR course, so all exams are at the end of Year 11. There is NO tiered entry and No controlled assessment.

## ***Course Structure:***

<i>Unit Title</i>		<i>Assessment Type</i>
Unit 1 – Living with the Physical Environment	→	EXAM – 35%
Unit 2 – Challenges in the Human Environment	→	EXAM – 35%
Unit 3 – Geographical Applications	→	EXAM – 30%



# Unit 1 – Living with the physical environment



- Tectonic Hazards
- Weather Hazards
- Climate Change
- Ecosystems
- Tropical Rainforests
- Hot Deserts
- UK Physical Landscapes
- Coastal Landscapes
- River Landscapes

EXAM – 35%

# Unit 2 – Challenges in the human environment



- Urban Issues and Challenges
- Rapid growth of LICs
- Variations in global development
- Economic Growth in LICs
- The UK's changing economy
- Resource Management

EXAM – 35%



# Unit 3 – Geographical applications and skills



- Physical Geography Enquiry / Fieldwork

- Human Geography Enquiry / Fieldwork

- Geographical Skills

- Decision Making Exercise

EXAM –

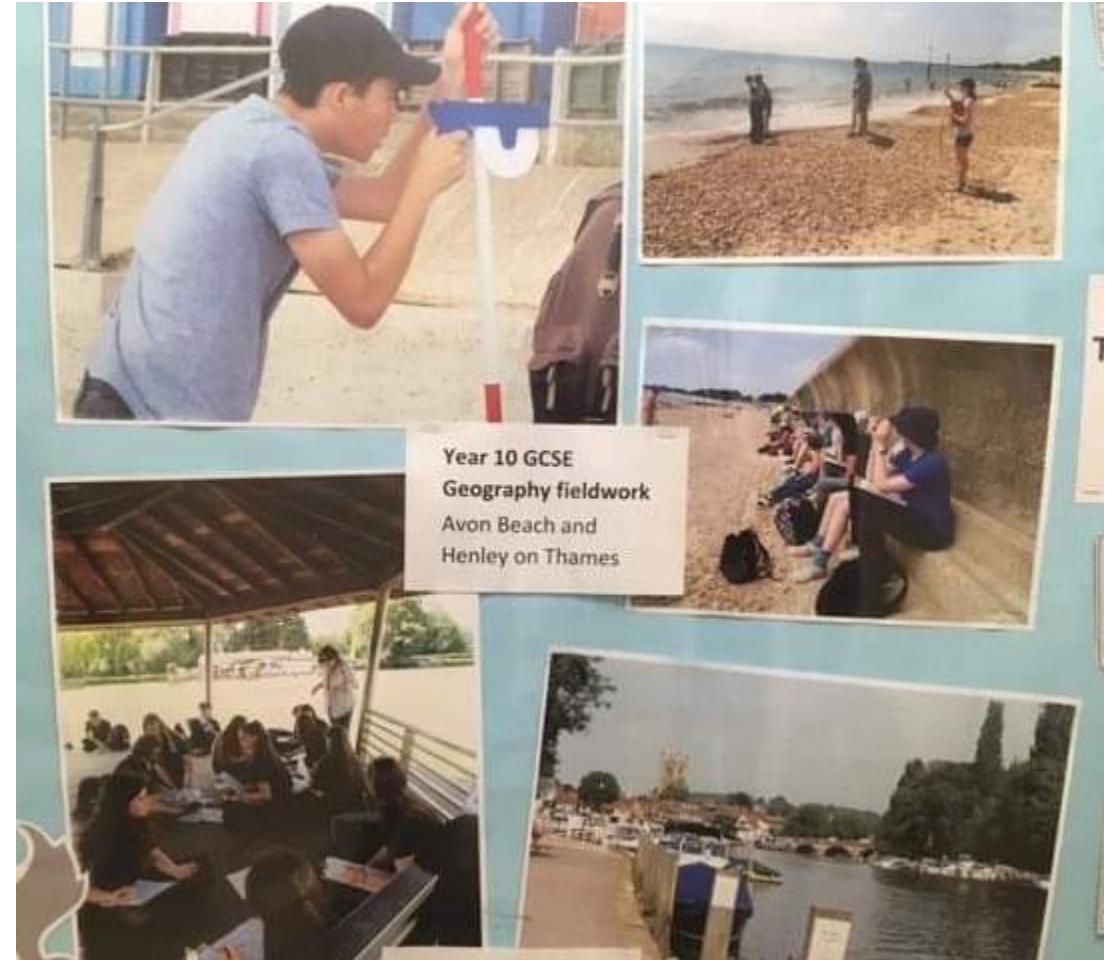
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# Fieldwork opportunities

A compulsory part of the GCSE course is to carry out two pieces of fieldwork.

We spend a day on the **South Coast** looking at coastal management strategies and a day in **Henley on Thames** investigating the impact of tourism.





## Geography tackles the big issues:

- environmental responsibility
- Our global interdependence
- Cultural understanding and tolerance
- Commerce, trade and industry



Why choose Geography?



Geography will help you to develop **transferable skills**, which are highly sought after by employers...



# GEOGRAPHY AT WORK

Compared to other subjects, geography graduates are among the most employable. They possess the skills that employers look for. In part this is because Geography combines a knowledge of science and an understanding of the arts.

## *Geographers learn how to:*

- write concise reports
- handle data
- ask questions and find answers
- make decisions about issues
- analyse material
- organise themselves
- think creatively & independently

## *Geographers are:*

- Good communicators
- Spatially aware
- Socially, economically and environmentally aware
- problem solvers
- good team players
- computer literate
- well rounded, flexible thinkers



***With the transferrable skills Geography develops, the list is endless, but here are just a FEW ideas of geography related careers...***

**Care about the planet?**

Estate Manager  
Forestry Ranger  
Environmental Consultant  
Pollution Analyst  
Conservation Officer

**Interested in world events?**

Aid Worker  
Diplomat  
Refugee Advisor  
Charity Coordinator

**Interested in human behaviour?**

Planner  
Social Worker  
Market Researcher  
Housing Officer  
Estate Agent

**Discover new places!**

Travel Agent  
Tourism Officer  
Eco-Tourism Advisor  
Tour Guide  
Media Researcher

**Fascinated by maps?**

GIS Specialist  
Cartographer  
Utilities Manager  
Remote Sensing  
Analyst

**Other professions...**

Accountant  
Lawyer  
Teacher  
Finance  
Photographer

**Want to know why people work where they do?**

Economic Developer  
Location Analyst  
Retailer  
Regional Developer  
Transport Manager

**Enjoy being in the landscape?**

Hydrologist  
Coastal Manager  
Geologist  
Civil Engineer  
Soil Conservationist

**Interested in Weather?**

Weather Presenter  
Disaster Manager  
Flood Prevention Officer  
Risk Assessor  
Water Supply Coordinator





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 —

AZ QUOTES

Watch this video link to find out more  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8\\_RLHF7pu\\_0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8_RLHF7pu_0)



Hope you have found this presentation helpful.

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