

GCSE Geography

Who is the course for?

GCSE geography provides students the opportunity to investigate the interrelationships between physical environments and human activity. GCSE Geography also allows students to develop skills in numeracy, graphicacy and cartography as well as written communication. Fieldwork investigations allows students to 'learn outside the classroom' and plays an important role in character and SMSC (social, moral, spiritual, cultural) development.

What are the entry requirements?

A desire to want to learn more about:

- Physical Geography including hazards and climate change; rivers and coasts; ecosystems, biodiversity and sustainability ;
- Human Geography including changing urban areas; global development; resource management— food, water, and energy.
- Fieldwork and skills (fieldwork includes investigations of regeneration in Birmingham and coastal management in Brean Down).

Course aims:

To provide students with skills in extended writing, research, communication, graphicacy, cartographical skills and IT and GIS (Geographical Investigation Systems) in a range of contexts. Students will also learn about data collection and sampling techniques from fieldwork investigations.

How is the course assessed?

There are 3 exams in GCSE geography—one physical geography paper, one human geography paper and one skills based paper which requires application of fieldwork investigation techniques and analysis of pre-released material.

Duration/Time

This is a single subject option studied over a 2-year period. Three exams will be undertaken in the summer of 2026.

What can I do at the end of the course?

The subject has cross-curricular links with the arts and sciences as well as strengthening students' abilities in written communication and numeracy skills.

The skills and knowledge acquired will support a range of education and career opportunities with many colleges, universities and employers viewing a geographical education favourably. Geography is a popular A-level option across the local area with the University of Birmingham and University of Worcester offering undergraduate courses.

