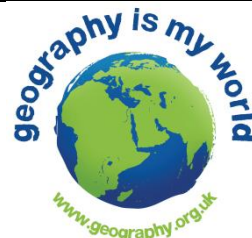


# GCSE Geography



**Exam Board:**  
**Edexcel B (9-1)**

## Course Outline:

GCSE geography will continue to develop your curiosity and fascination about the world and its people. Studying geography to GCSE will improve knowledge about diverse places; people; resources; and natural and human environments; as well as an understanding the planet Earth's interconnected physical and human processes. The new GCSE geography course offers 21<sup>st</sup> century geographical issues, which will enable you to explore the world, the issues it faces and your own place in it. The specification encourages you to develop skills such as problem solving, decision making, fieldwork, plus helping you apply your knowledge from mathematics and statistics. There are three exam papers (details below), controlled assessment has been removed, but there are still compulsory fieldwork tasks for both physical and human investigations. The fieldwork will involve day trips to the Dorset coastline, central London. There is also potential for an optional, enrichment residential trip to Swanage.

### Component 1: Global Geographical Issues

Content overview:

- Hazardous earth including tectonics, world climate and tropical storms.
- Development Dynamics – the study of an emerging country.
- Challenges of an urbanising world – the study of a mega city.

### Component 2: UK Geographical Issues

Content overview:

- The UK's evolving physical landscape including coasts and rivers
- The UK's evolving human landscape – a study of UK cities
- Geographical investigations – one physical and one human fieldwork investigation that is assessed in the exam.

### Component 3: People and Environment Issues – Making Geographical Decisions

Content overview:

- People and the biosphere
- Forests under threat
- Consuming energy resources
- Paper will include a decision making exercise on a geographical issue from an issue presented in a resource booklet.

**Written Exam Paper 1**  
**1 hour 30 minutes**  
**94 marks**  
**37.5% of grade**

**Written Exam Paper 2**  
**1 hour 30 minutes**  
**94 marks**  
**37.5% of grade**

**Written Exam Paper 3**  
**1 hour 30 minutes**  
**64 marks**  
**25% of grade**

## Post 16 Progression:

GCSE Geography feeds directly into A-level Geography, as well as providing a good base of knowledge for more specialised science subjects at A-level. Geography is a broad academic subject which is regarded as a “*facilitating subject*” by universities. Geography provides a genuine balance between the traditional arts, sociology and sciences. Geographers are recognised by employers for having a range of transferable skills such as numeracy, literacy, team work, analytical thinking and are socially and environmentally aware of the world. Other paths of progression include into Travel and Tourism and other Humanities subjects.

Geographers enter a wide range of career areas from transport, environmental science and management, international development, disaster management, public services and education, business and finance, media and politics, settlement and urban planning.

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