



Geography

Why should I study GCSE Geography?

This course will give you the chance to get to grips with some of the big questions and understand the social, economic and physical forces and processes which shape and change our world. The aim of studying GCSE Geography is to help you develop a more detailed awareness of the world in which you live and the continuing relationships between human activity and the physical environment. The course enables all students to acquire a knowledge and understanding of a range of places, processes and geographical patterns at a variety of scales, from local to global.

What will I learn about?

GCSE Geography covers a mixture of three physical topics (which include the study of Hazards e.g. hurricanes, earthquakes and volcanoes) and three human topics (which include the study of city redevelopment). You will also develop map work, graphical and analysis skills throughout the course.

Geography fieldwork.

During the Geography course all students will take part in geographical fieldwork which involves studying Geography outside the classroom. This is a really important part of geography and will enable you to see things differently, providing a brilliant opportunity to experience some of the things you have learnt in class.

How will my work be assessed?

All units of work will be assessed at the end of 2 years of study. Assessment of both human and physical geography modules and the fieldwork (now replacing controlled assessment) is all through examination. Unit 1 (Living with the Physical Environment) and Unit 2 (Challenges in the Human Environment) contribute 35% each towards the final GCSE grade, with Geographical fieldwork and applications module contributing the remaining 30% of the marks.

What future opportunities can this lead to?

There are a wide range of potential career options that are available to students who study geography, some of which are detailed below:

The Business World: Financial Risk Assessor, Banker, Accountant, Insurance, Civil Servant for DTI (Department for Trade and Industry), Transport and Logistics Manager, Retail Management, Management Consultant, Commercial Sales Manager, Lawyer, Economic Adviser and Analyst, Location Analyst.

Leisure and Tourism Industry: Expedition Leader, Travel Agent, Exhibitions Coordinator, Leisure Centre Management, Heritage Site Manager, Eco Tour Guide, Tourist Information Officer, Civil Servant DCMS (Department for Culture, Media & Sport), Travel Writer, TV Researcher, Holiday Representative, Cultural Arts Officer, TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) Teacher.

Geographical Specialist Employment: GIS Specialist (Geographical Information Systems), Census Data Specialist, Location Analyst, Cartographer, Surveyor, Military GIS Specialist, Remote Sensing Analyst, Aerial Surveyor, Geography Teacher.

Who can I speak to for more information?

For further information about Geography please speak to Mr Garcia, Curriculum Area Leader: Geography or contact options@penistone-gs.uk.