

GCSE Geography

“Geography is the subject which holds the key to our future” – Michael Palin

Why choose GCSE Geography?

GCSE Geography will help you to understand more about the world, the challenges it faces and your place within it. Geography as a subject examines many big, global issues as well as investigating varying locations from all around the world. Whether you are interested in the natural environment or the role of humans on the planet – Geography has something for everyone.

What will I study?

We offer a broad and balanced curriculum here at St Thomas More for GCSE Geography. We follow the AQA specification and cover a wide range of human and physical topics. Some topics you might have covered in years 7-9 and some topics will be completely new!

You will also learn the real-life application of Geography, through undertaking fieldwork, which will offer you a valuable insight into how Geography applies beyond the classroom.

Who would GCSE Geography suit?

GCSE Geography would suit students who are interested and intrigued by the world around them and how it is changing. Geographers are problem solvers, decision makers, effective communicators and independent learners – amongst many other things! In short, there are many different types of students that GCSE Geography would suit, that's why it is such a popular option.

How will I learn?

Lessons are well resourced from a variety of sources including online sources, up to date textbooks, current news items and video clips.

There will be opportunities for independent learning and research, these may be computer based. Some activities will require an approach that uses paired learning or group work. In all situations, students will be expected to share and communicate ideas within a small group and with the wider audience of the classroom.

The opportunity to carry out physical and virtual fieldwork will also provide you with practical experience of Geography. Your knowledge will be enhanced by relating topics studied to real-life, up-to-date examples from all over the world.

Your teacher will be your lead resource but not the only one!

YOU WILL

- Make concise reports
- Handle data
- Ask questions and find answers
- Make decisions about current issues
- Respond to sources
- Analyse material
- Organise yourself
- Think creatively and independently
- Work as a team
- Undertake fieldwork
- Explore the world

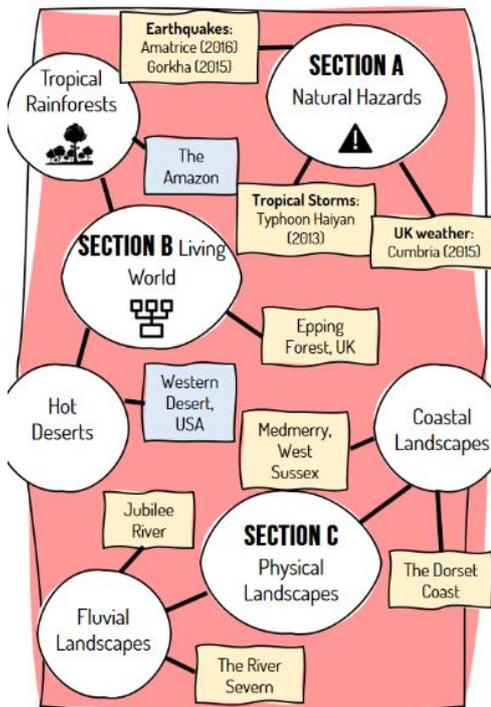


GEOGRAPHY AT ST. THOMAS MORE

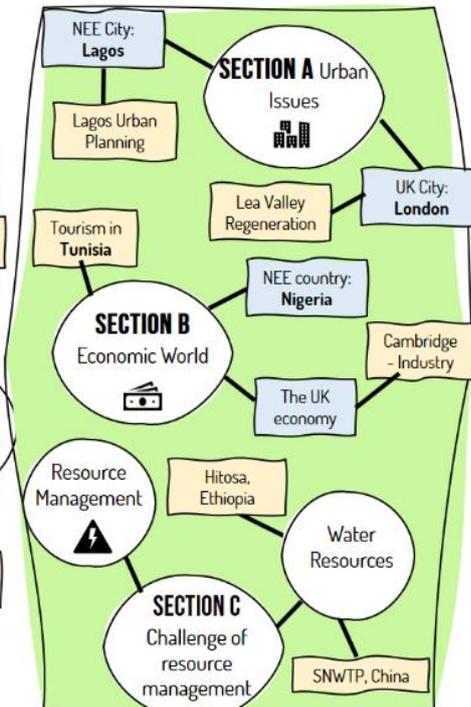


GCSE GEOGRAPHY COURSE OUTLINE

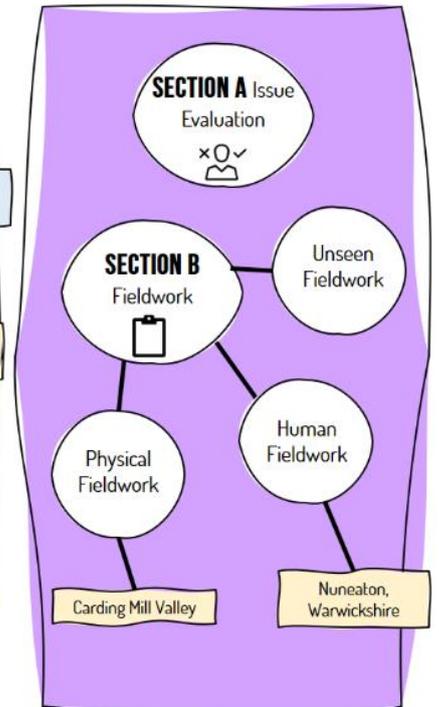
PAPER 1 PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY (35%)



PAPER 2 HUMAN GEOGRAPHY (35%)



PAPER 3 GEOG APPLICATIONS (30%)



External assessment.

GCSE Geography is 100% exam based. Students sit three exam papers at the end of year 11:

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| • Paper 1 – Physical Geography | 1 hour 30 minutes [35% of GCSE] |
| • Paper 2 – Human Geography | 1 hour 30 minutes [35% of GCSE] |
| • Paper 3- Fieldwork & Issue Evaluation | 1 hour [30% of GCSE] |

How can I use this course after Year 11/ in the future?

Geography is a highly regarded subject by a range of post-16 providers. It is a very popular option at our sixth form and is regarded by Universities as a facilitating subject. Geography is a subject that does not relate to one specific job – there are lots of jobs that Geographers do!

As well as provide you with a great foundation of knowledge relating to the world around you, Geography provides you with a range of skills that are transferable across a range of subjects and professions.

If I want to know more I should ask.....

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