GCSE GEOGRAPHY

Your guide to GCSE Geography @ St. Richard's Catholic College

A Geographer's way of thinking

Caring for the environment

Understand and explore worldwide disasters

Understand cultural differences

Investigate impacts of development issues

Why choose Geography?

Results - 89% got A* to C (9 to 5) in GCSE in 2017. 35% of those students achieved an A*-A (9, 8 or high 7)

Numbers - in 2016/17 academic year, 120 out of 200 pupils chose to take GCSE Geography.

Fieldwork - Every Geography GCSE pupil will get the opportunity to leave the classroom and explore and study Geography outdoors. During your Geography GCSE you will go on a fieldtrip to study the physical coastal Geography of Eastbourne, and the human Geography of development and quality of life in the town.

Careers - There is a huge range of career pathways open to those who choose GCSE Geography. These range from journalism to oceanography, development planners to architects. The list is endless...

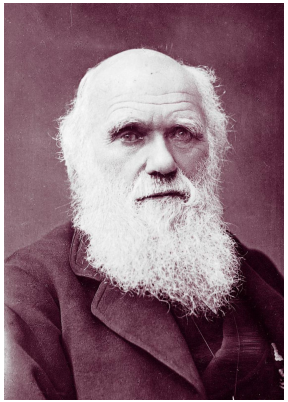
Famous Geographers

Prince William

Prince William is currently second in line to the throne. As part of his schooling he attended Eton College. Prince William then went on to study at the University of St Andrews in Scotland. His main subject was Geography in which he went on to earn a second class honours.

Charles Darwin

He was a famous British scientist who founded the Theory of Evolution and is responsible for altering the way people perceive the natural world. He travelled worldwide and documented his travels and findings in a series of journals, which were published and he spoke at length about the geographical distribution of wildlife and fossils.



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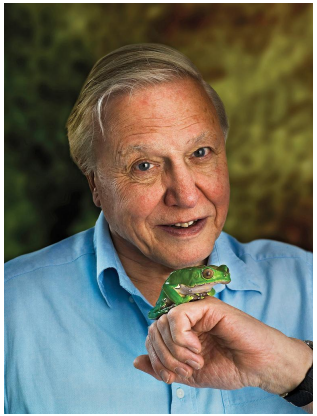
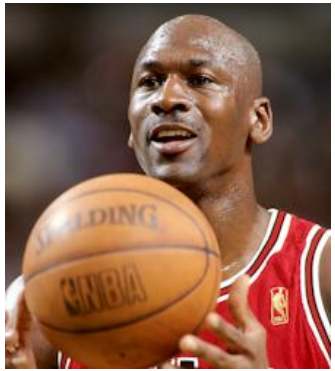


David Attenborough

Has become the face and voice of nature on T.V. Studied various disciplines of Geography and the Natural Sciences. Wrote and presented world famous nature programmes and documentaries that look at human influence on our planet.

Michael Jordan

Michael is one of the greatest basketball players of all time. In 1981 he earned a basketball scholarship to the University of North Carolina. During his time here he not only improved his basketball playing but he also graduated in cultural Geography. He went on to play basketball for the Chicago Bulls. He is also famous for the Nike Air Jordan trainers, and has applied his Geography knowledge to aid his active and lucrative career in business.



The Physical Side

- Ecosystems - The Living World
- Natural Hazards
  - (Weather and Tectonic Movement)
- Physical Landscapes in the UK
- Rivers
- Water Resources

PAPER 1 - 1hr 30mins - 35% of GCSE

Multiple choice, short answers, levels of response, extended prose

The Human Side

- Urban Challenges
- Natural Hazards
  - (Weather and Tectonic Movement)
- Climate Change
- Changing Economic World
- Challenge of Resource Management

PAPER 2 - 1hr 30mins - 35% of GCSE

Multiple choice, short answers, levels of response, extended prose

The Fieldwork Side

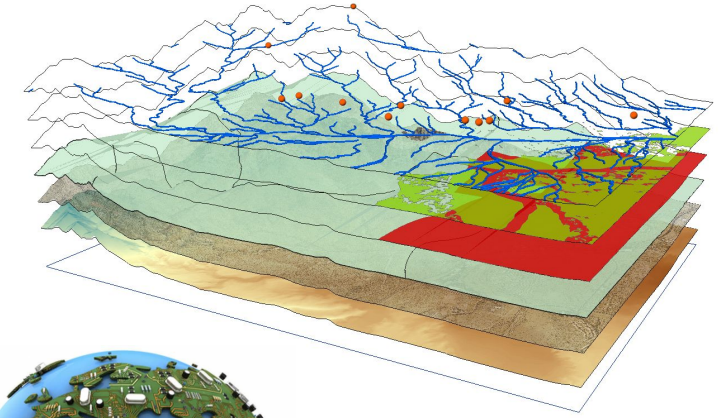
- Understanding information from pre-released materials.
- Completing and demonstrating an understanding of human and physical fieldwork.

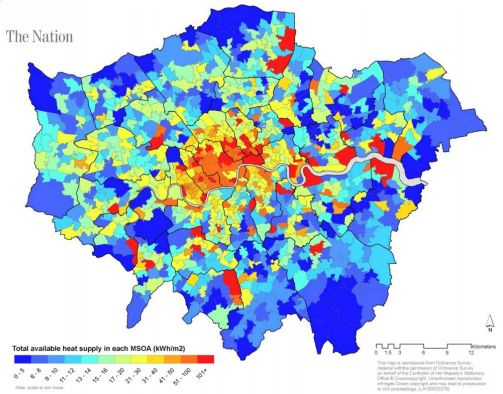
PAPER 3 - 1 hour - 30% of GCSE

Multiple choice, short answers, levels of response, extended prose

Skills learnt through Geography

GCSE Geography is very practical, with opportunities to learn new skills such as modern computer based mapping (GIS), map skills, interpreting photographs, fieldwork skills, presenting and debating techniques. Pupils will improve literacy skills through report writing and written work and make practical use of numeracy skills when interpreting data and constructing graphs.





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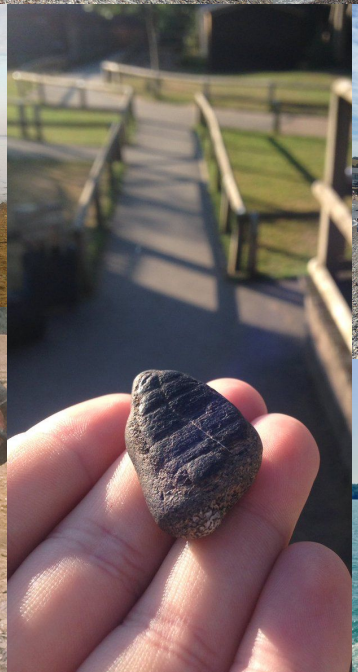
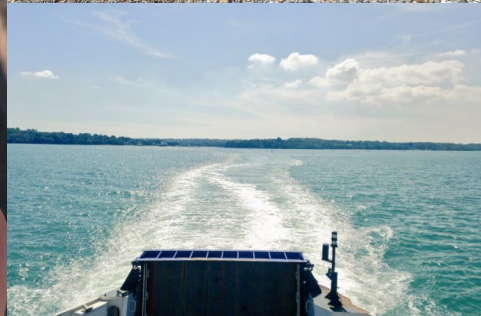




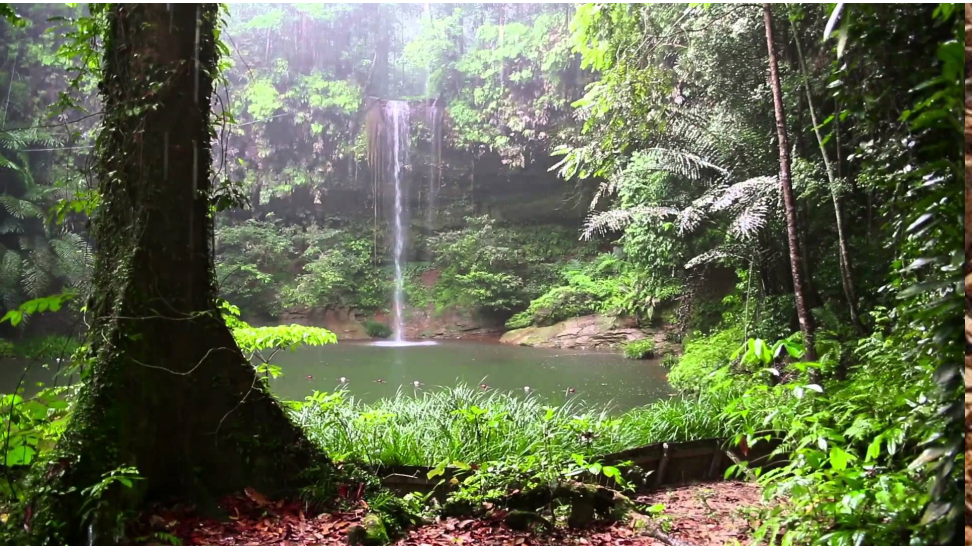
Careers with Geography

- Nursing and medicine
- Cartography and digital mapping
- Commercial/residential building surveyor
- Environmental consultant/agency
- Geographical information systems officer
- Town planning and development officer
- Secondary school teacher
- International aid/development worker
- Landscape or building architect
- Logistics and distribution manager
- Market research/analysis (business)
- Nature conservation officer
- Tourism officer/Travel Agent
- Transport planner
- Sports management and scouting
- Government policy officer

- Armed services (RAF, Royal Navy, Army)
- Pilot and cabin crew
- Police Force
- Fire and Emergency Rescue Service
- Engineering
- Expedition leader and guide

CASE STUDIES - A PRACTICAL WAY OF LEARNING

‘You will explore case studies in the United Kingdom, newly emerging economies and lower income countries. The course will give you the chance to get to grips with some of the big questions which affect our world, and understand the social, economic and physical forces and processes which shape and change our world.’



So, meet a few Geographers

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Mj8MTWZX4M

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