



# Taking Geography GCSE





# Why should you take the subject?

Geography is a **multi-disciplinary** subject. This means that if you take the subject, during your Geography GCSE you will develop a range of transferrable skills that employers in **any** sector will find essential:

- personalised independent learning.
- communication skills.
- technological skills such as ICT and Geographical Information Systems.
- interpersonal skills through debate and discussion.
- Literacy, Numeracy and problem-solving skills



# Why should you take the subject?

- As a result, Geography is a fantastic **complimentary** subject to your core subjects (Maths, English and Science)
- Geography is the **ONLY** subject which considers the interactions between the different factors of global development looking towards the future.
- Geography is your gateway to understanding the complexity of the world in all contexts and learning to think **holistically (i.e. see the big picture)**



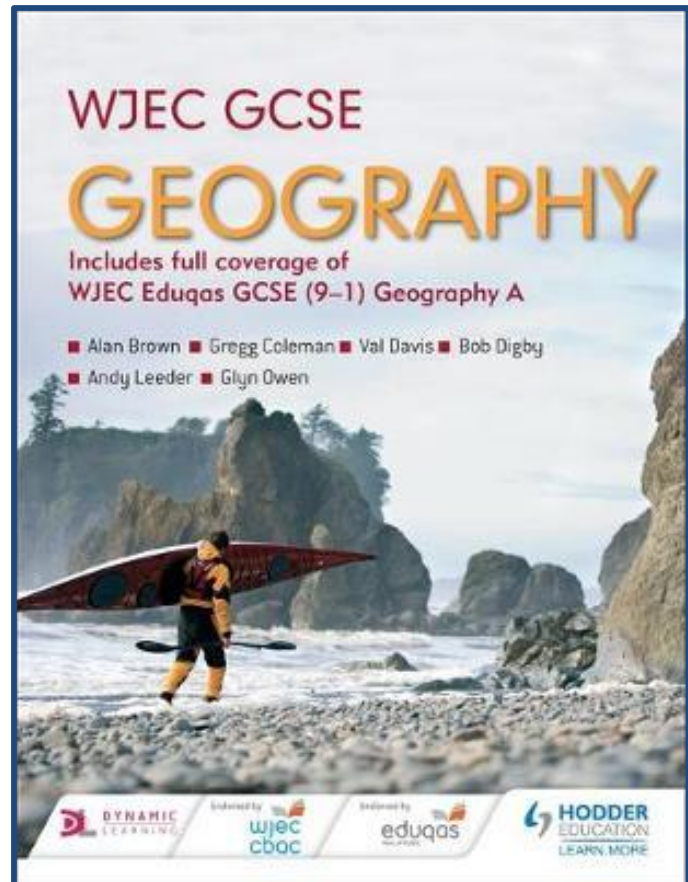
# What course?

## WJEC Eduqas GCSE Geography A

- There are 3 exams (all are 1 ½ hours each).
- Units 1 and 2 are resourced based and have maps, photographs, and diagrams to help you answer the questions.
- Unit 3 is a written examination that will assess the students' ability to use data to answer questions and their knowledge, understanding and skills in approaching their fieldwork enquiry.
- Units 1 and 2 are worth 35% each. Unit 3 is worth 30%.

### What are the important deadlines?

- All exams will be taken at the end of Year 11.



# What will I do in Geography?

- WJEC Eduqas specification A takes an enquiry-based approach to extend students' understanding of a range of geographical **concepts, places and processes**.
- Units 1 and 2 contain core themes that create a balance between **contemporary and traditional, human and physical geography**.
- Alongside the core, this course offers optional themes: Which include Theme 4 (Coastal Hazards and their Management), and Theme 8 (Environmental Challenges).

# What will I do in Geography? Topics

The world is always changing. The course gives you the chance to learn about these changes.

- **Unit 1 - 'Changing Physical and Human Landscapes'** includes landscapes, rivers, rural and urban landscapes, population changes, coastal processes and landforms such as headlands and bays.
- **Unit 2 - 'Environmental and Development Issues'** includes weather, climate and ecosystems, development issues, water resources, economic development and future environmental challenges.
- **Unit 3 - 'Applied Fieldwork Enquiry'** will include the opportunity to develop skills of geographical enquiry through fieldwork. You will undertake fieldwork enquiries. This will give you an opportunity to conduct research and fieldwork outside of class, with follow up work done in class.





## Unit 3: Fieldwork

- You must be prepared to go on 2-3 fieldwork days trips to the local area and fieldwork sites around the south of England.
- During this fantastic 'out-of-the-classroom' learning opportunity, you will conduct geographical research for which you will be examined on in Unit 3.
- There will be a combination physical fieldwork study and human fieldwork study conducted across the fieldtrip days.



# Current Geography Teachers at GCSE

- Mr Wellard-Jeffs – Head of Geography
- Mrs Brennan – Teacher of Geography
- Mr Jones – Teacher of Geography
- Mrs Jebb – Teacher of Geography
  
- We were once in your position, having to decide subjects that would ultimately lead to a future career.
- We took Geography because it opened up our **options** for the future as it is a multi-disciplinary subject leading to a range of transferable skills.





# Student Experiences of GCSE Geography

*"More discussions on global issues, which are more relevant"*

*"we study topics in much greater detail"*

*"By carrying out field research we can now understand, relate and have our own opinions on the different topics on the specific places we visited."*

*"it connects to lots of other subjects"*

*"It was also a great opportunity for us to take on the responsibility of our own learning which set us up for the future."*

*"The fieldtrip helps to improve friendships with classmates"*



# So.....should you take it?

- Whilst we became Geography teachers – there is a whole range of jobs that GCSE Geography can lead to (to name a few):
- Journalist
- TV Presenter
- Weather forecaster
- Accountancy
- Finance and Investment banking
- Geography is also a popular choice of subject at GCSE for students wishing to study medicine, dentistry and veterinary science
  - The reason: it is multi-disciplinary!

- Project Manager
- International Aid/Development worker
- GIS Consultant
- Architect
- Chartered surveyor
- Town Planner
- Jobs in tourism
- Law
- Geologist: Oil or mineral expert



## So.....should you take it?

- Have you enjoyed Key Stage 3 Geography?
- Would you like to learn more about the world around you?
- Do you want to tackle the problems our planet may face in the future?
- If so – then YES! You are the student we would love to have at GCSE Geography



Any questions?



Thank You, and hopefully we'll see you next year in Year 10!

