

A-Level Geography



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REASONS
TO STUDY

Geography

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

1

Studying geography helps develop a range of important transferable skills including research, communication, critical thinking, team work, data analysis, problem solving and much more.

2

IT'S IMPORTANT

Understanding the world in which we live is vitally important to mankind. Only by studying our planet may we predict and manage potential hazards in the future.

3

BROAD CAREER CHOICE

Studying geography opens the door to a wide range of exciting careers, including teaching, tourism, town planning, landscape architecture, conservation, recycling and much more.

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PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Studying geography allows you to develop a range of personal skills for life, including time management, dealing with uncertainty, flexibility, creativity, problem solving and self-confidence.

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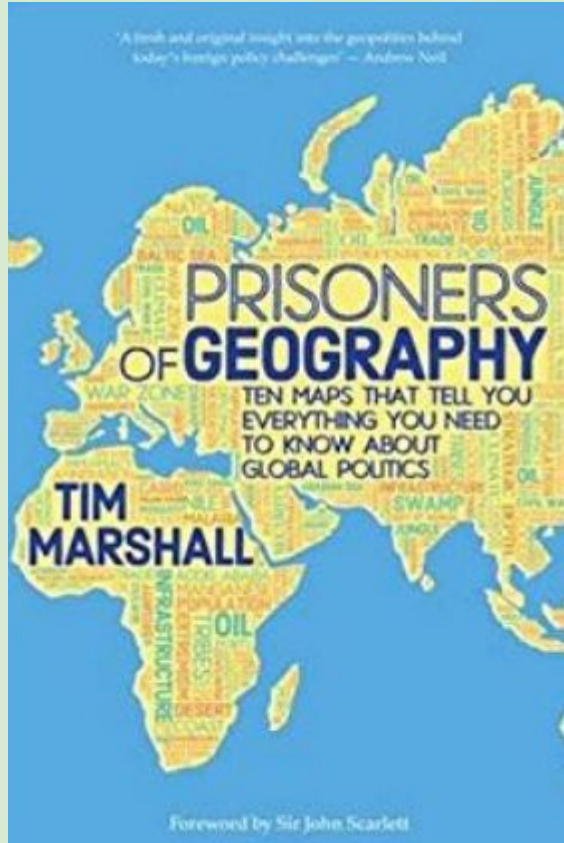
CULTURAL AWARENESS

Every aspect of a culture is affected by its geography. By studying geography, you are more able to understand and appreciate the diversity of cultures around the world.

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TRAVEL

By understanding geography, you will get even more from your travel experiences as you have a greater appreciation for the world around you.



"All leaders are constrained by Geography. Their choices are limited by mountains, rivers, seas and concrete.

Yes, to follow world events you need to understand people, ideas and movements...but if you don't know Geography, you'll never have the full picture."



Royal Geographical
Society with IBG

Why study A-Level Geography

theguardian
website of the year

"Geography is a subject for **our times**. It is inherently **multidisciplinary** in a world that increasingly values people who have the **skills** needed to work across the physical and social sciences."

"Studying geography is not just **intrinsically interesting** and **valuable**. It also encourages ways of seeing and thinking that make geographers eminently **employable**."

"Geography is **highly valued by universities**, combining well with both arts and science subjects. It can be a **facilitating subject** - that is a subject most likely to be required or preferred for entry to degree courses.

Geography opens doors to other degrees such as business and administrative studies, law, engineering and technology, and the other social physical sciences."

RUSSELL GROUP

The Russell Group represents 24 leading UK universities which are committed to maintaining the very best research, an outstanding teaching and learning experience and unrivalled links with business and the public sector.

Some advanced level subjects are more frequently required for entry to degree courses than others. We call these subjects 'facilitating' because choosing them at advanced level leaves open a wide range of options for university study. These facilitating subjects are:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- English literature
- Geography
- History
- Physics
- Modern and classical languages
- Maths and further maths

Where do all the Geographers go?



Management & Admin

- Civil service
- Sports Management
- Personnel Management



Environmental Management

- Conservation
- Urban/Rural Planning
- Architecture
- Forestry



Edu, Professional, Social & Scientific Services

- Social Worker
- Law
- Hydrology & Water Services
- Meteorology



Information Services

- Television
- Museums
- Publishing



Business & Finance

- Market Research
- Banking
- Exporting



Job title:
**Polar
Conservationist**

Principal in Integrated Transport at
Mott MacDonald, based in London,
England.



**Prem Gill - Polar
Conservationist**

Prem Gill is a Polar Conservationist
working with The Scott Polar
Research Institute, the WWF and
the British Antarctic Survey.

📍 **RESEARCH AND ACADEMIA,**
EARLY CAREER,
ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY



**Chris Mason -
Political
Correspondent and
Presenter**

Chris Mason is a Political
Correspondent and Presenter for
Any Questions, BBC Radio 4 at
BBC News.

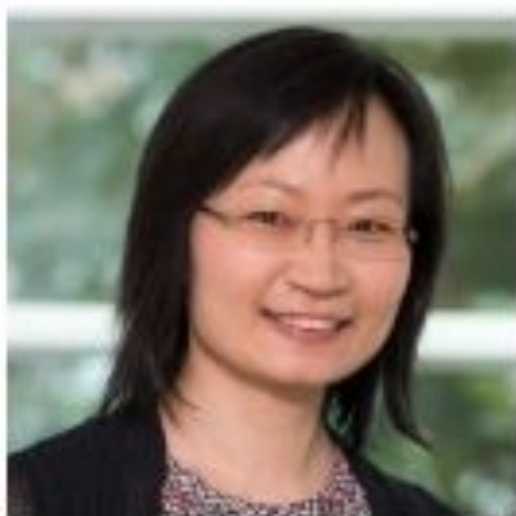


**Terri Freemantle -
Senior Earth
Observations
Specialist**

Terri Freemantle is a Senior Earth Observations Specialist for Satellite Applications Catapult.



MID CAREER,
GEOSPATIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL



Job title:
Senior
Geomorphologist

Organisation:
Arup



**Dr Jon Reades -
Associate Professor
in Spatial Data
Science**

Dr. Jon Reades is an Associate Professor in Spatial Data Science at the Centre for Advanced Spatial Analysis at University College London, based in London.

Geography is FAB.

But why study at
Beechen Cliff?



Edexcel Course: 2 Year Geography

Year 12 Units:

Unit 1: Dynamic Landscapes

- Tectonic Processes & Hazards
- Coastal Landscapes & Change

Unit 2: Dynamic Places

- Globalisation
- Regenerating Places

Fieldwork

- 4 days of fieldwork (compulsory!)

Coursework: Independent Investigation = 20%

Started in March of Yr.12

Year 13 Units:

Unit 3: Physical Systems & Sustainability

- The Water Cycle & Water Insecurity
- The Carbon Cycle & Energy Security

Unit 4: Human Systems & Geopolitics

- Superpowers
- Global Development & Connections

Exams

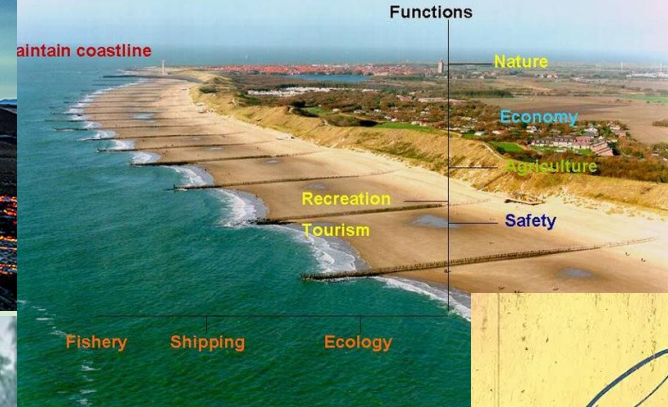
Paper 1: Physical Geography, 2hr 15mins. 30%

Paper 2: Human Geography, 2hr 15mins. 30%

Paper 3: Synoptic Paper, 2hr 15mins. 20%

Paper 1: What does it look like?

Functions in the coastal zone



And in the real world...?

Direct action not ruled out
by conservation groups
over environment policies

Gas taps can be still turned
on to EU, says Vladimir
Putin

🕒 6 minutes ago



Russia-Ukraine war

UK defies climate warnings
with new oil and gas
licences

Climate change: Greenland's
culture shifts as Arctic heats up

🕒 8 hours ago

Paper 2: What does it look like?



Airbus Defence and Space satellite imagery from 30 March and 7 August 2014 and 30 January 2015 shows the extent of Chinese progress in building an island at Gaven Reefs in the Spratly Islands. By 30 January a pre-existing platform had been joined to the new island and at least one helipad built.

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Taliban ban girls from secondary education in Afghanistan

Government announces re-opening of high schools for boys but makes no mention of girls



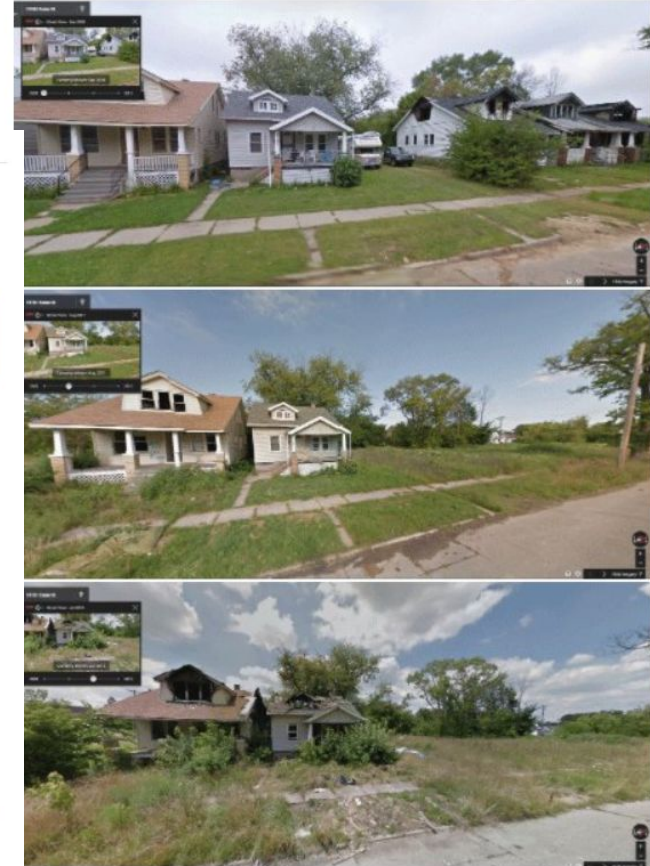
▲ Girls in a classroom in Herat this week. Girls are now effectively barred from secondary education. Photograph: Anadolu Agency/Getty Images

The Taliban have effectively banned girls from secondary education in Afghanistan, by ordering high schools to re-open only for boys.

Girls were not mentioned in Friday's announcement, which means boys will be back at their desks next week after a one-month hiatus, while their sisters will still be stuck at home.

The Taliban education ministry said secondary school classes for boys in grades seven to 12 would resume on Saturday, the start of the Afghan week. "All male teachers and students should attend their educational institutions," the statement said. The future of girls and female teachers, stuck at home since the Taliban took control, was not addressed.

The edict makes Afghanistan the only country on earth to bar half its population from getting a secondary education.



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And in the real world...?

Ukraine war round-up:
Russian military exhausted
and US tech giant Meta
blacklisted

How seaside town
newcomers sapped Tory
strength

Parkland shooting: Jury
begins deliberations on
sentencing

Indyref court case could
have an explosive outcome

Coursework: Independent Investigation

- 4,000-10,000 words
- 20%
- Any topic that links to the specification
- Begins in March of Year 12
- Hand in January of Year 13

Geography at Beechen Cliff...

30% regularly receiving A*/A

95% regularly receiving A*-C

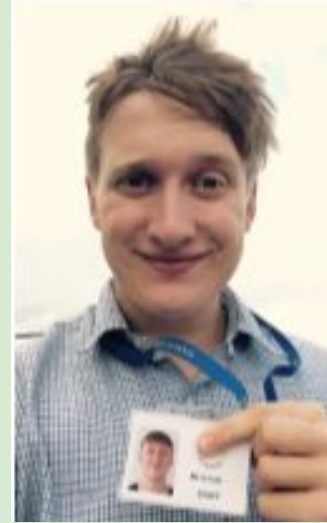
10% above national average

- Proven track record and results.
- Dedicated & Professional team.
- Bank up-to-date lessons, examples and case studies
- Exam preparation built over the two years so you are exam ready.



The Geography Team

You will get two teachers, who will teach the two sides of the A-Level course.



Two Physical Geography specialists.

D. Brewer,
R. Sampson

Two Human Geography specialists.

A. Firth,
C. Cook

Super - Curricular Opportunities

- Lectures at Bristol and Bath University in partnership with the Geographic Association
- Wider reading through Massolit lecture subscription
- Subject Ambassador Roles
- Trips!

Fieldtrip

- Colehayes Park
- A **3 day residential**
- Launch site for coursework
- Get to see learnt theory in a real world setting
- Access to resources and experts to start coursework
- **Pure Geography goodness**



Fieldtrip

- Colehayes Park
- Day 1: Elberry Cove
- For all coastal geography needs



Fieldtrip

- Colehayes Park
- Day 2: Plymouth
- One of Britain's coastal cities...Plymouth where human geography is experienced!



Fieldtrip

- Colehayes Park
- Day 3: Dawlish Warren
- Can't get enough of the coast?



Fieldtrip

- The beauty that is the South Wales coastline...Three Cliffs Bay



The Biggie...

6 days of pure
Geography in Iceland!

Running in February of
Yr.13



Want to find the answers to these questions?

Why is this man's water on fire?



Want to find the answers to these questions?

Why will you find it hard to swim on Sweden's 'High Coast'?



Want to find the answers to these questions?

What's this got to do with
Geopolitics?



Want to find the answers to these questions?

Why might these people go 'speed dating' on behalf of their son/daughters?



And one final reason to do A-Level Geography...



A Level geography offers a selection of new, interesting topics not covered at GCSE level, and allows you to go into greater depth in some key elements previously studied. It covers both the physical and human environments and the complex interaction of processes that shape our world. It will also, importantly, show the applied side of the subject - how human intervention affects the environment and how people adapt and mitigate the effects of processes on their environment.

There is plenty of room for discussion and extended research, which will help you become an independent thinker and learner. By the time you get to your exams, you will be able to show your understanding of a range of opinions and be able to illustrate your answers with case studies from local, national and international examples.

You will learn in a wide variety of ways, using maps, GIS skills, data analysis, photos, videos, and podcasts, as well as attending lectures and study days. You will be encouraged to frame your own questions using higher level thinking skills and show your grasp of complex issues through report and essay writing. Fieldwork will be an essential part of your A Level course.

Geography is a broad based subject which provides lots of opportunities for future progression. For example, geography is an obvious choice for careers in sustainability and green issues, urban regeneration, energy supply, retail location, managing the effects of hazards and climate change.

For careers in the world of business, an understanding of global economics forms an important part of geography. If you are thinking of a career in law, human rights, international relations or welfare, then geography gives you the opportunity to consider relevant issues such as: *How do we measure development? What are the consequences of migration on societies?*

If you are working towards a future course in medicine or veterinary medicine then geography is a good choice to give your A Level options the breadth that universities seek, as you will gain a clear understanding of how the environment affects health and survival of people, animals and ecosystems as well as enhancing your skills of writing essays and extended reports.

Geography is great for any kind of career that involves the **environment, planning, or collecting and interpreting data.**

Popular careers for people with geography qualifications include: town or transport planning, surveying, conservation, sustainability, waste and water management, environmental planning, tourism, and weather forecasting.

The army, police, government, research organisations, law and business world also love the **practical research skills** that geographers develop.

Because geographers **learn about human and population development**, geography can be useful for jobs in charity and international relations too.

Our Results

A-Level	A*/A	B	C	Entries
2019	29%	36%	25%	49
2022	33%	43%	18%	46
2023	33%	30%	33%	67
2024	29%	59%	92%	49
2025				54