



Mount St Mary's Catholic High School

Educating The Individual For The Benefit Of All

Why Study GCSE Geography?

GCSE Geography will appeal to anyone keen to learn more about the world around them. It provides the opportunity to learn about why the world looks the way it does and how people interact with the natural world. The course provides opportunities for stimulating debates and decision making exercises about real work issues and places. We use a varied range of teaching techniques including two field trips, independent research, photo and map analysis, group work, newspaper articles, textbooks and films. If you are keen to learn more about global and national issues then this is the course for you.



Careers Options

Geographers are highly sought after in the work place as they have well developed communication, literacy and numeracy skills, as well as problem solving and good interpersonal abilities. They also have good technological skills including the use of Geographical Information Systems (GIS). Geography graduates work in a huge variety of fields including banking, accountancy, engineering, the armed forces, environmental management, education, tourism, the police and research.

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What you will study

Geography of the UK – Knowledge and understanding of the UK's geography, to include its physical and human landscapes, environmental challenges, changing economy and society, the importance of cultural and political factors, and its relationships with the wider world.

Natural processes and the shaping of our landscape - such as glaciation, coastal landscapes and rivers. We will study how these have influenced and continue to influence the landscapes of the UK.

Changing weather and climate – The causes, consequences of and responses to extreme weather conditions and natural weather hazards, such as hurricanes and floods. The causes and effects of climatic change.

Global ecosystems and biodiversity – Including how they are changing and how they can be protected. This will include a study of how humans use and change environments in order to obtain food, energy and water.

Cities and urban society – An overview of the causes and effects of rapid urban growth in different parts of the world. The causes and consequences of uneven development in the world.

Practical skills — such as field work, map skills, data collection, presentation, statistical analysis and interpretation.



How is the subject assessed?

We use the AQA Specification, which includes the following assessments:

- Paper 1 – 1 hour 30 minutes (35% of overall GCSE)
- Paper 2 – 1 hour 30 minutes (35% of overall GCSE)
- Paper 3 – 1 hour 30 minutes (30% of overall GCSE)

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