



Silent Valley in the Mourne Mountains in



Lagos, one of Africa's megacities



Super Structures: tennis in Dubai



Globalisation

“The study of geography is about more than just memorizing places on a map. It's about understanding the complexity of our world, appreciating the diversity of cultures that exists across continents. And in the end, it's about using all that knowledge to help bridge divides and bring people together”. **Barack Obama**

# What does AQA Geography look like?

## Paper 1 – Living with the physical environment

Natural Hazards

Ecosystems and option Hot deserts

UK physical landscapes and options: Coastal and river landscapes

## Content overview:

- Tectonic and weather hazards including case studies and climate change.
- Small and large scale ecosystems to include a case study of a tropical rainforest and a hot desert.
- Upland and lowland landscapes. UK river and coastal processes and landforms and management.

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## Paper 2- Challenges in the human environment

Urban issues and challenges

The changing economic world

The challenge of resource management and option: Food

## Content overview

- Urban change, urbanisation and megacities. Challenges, growth and management (LICs and the UK).
- Changing economic world including global variations in economic development, uneven development in LICs and UK.

## Paper 3 – Geographical applications

Issue evaluation

Fieldwork/ Geographical enquiry

## Content overview:

- Physical and human geography fieldwork
- Geographical skills
- Decision making/Evaluation of issues

## Assessment

The assessment is linear with three exams at end of the Year 11:

Paper 1 – Living with the physical world – 35% (1 hour 30 minutes)

Paper 2 – Challenges in the human environment – 35% (1 hour 30 minutes)

Paper 3 – Geographical applications – 30% (1 hour 15 minutes)

No tier entry. Questions: multiple choice, short, levelled and extended writing.

# What can you expect from studying Geography at Goldington?

- Exciting lessons that are hands and fun
- An increased understanding about the world around you
- Update examples and case studies to increase geographical awareness and knowledge beyond the specification.
- Knowledge of some of the big challenges facing our world and an understanding of the social, economic and physical processes which shape our community and world.
- Fun fieldtrips to explore fascinating physical and human environments
- Dedicated teachers
- Progression to study Geography at A Level
- Supportive and motivating learning environments
- Collaboration with other schools
- GIS

## Where can Geography take you?

- Banker
- Oceanographer
- Marine biologist
- Human Rights Specialist
- Geologist
- Volcanologist
- Disaster Response Coordinator
- Pilot
- Town planner...and many many more!



*“Geography students hold the key to the world's problems” - Michael Palin 2011*  
*“Geography a force for broadening the mind” - Michael Palin 2018*

“The must have A Level of 2015” - The Guardian

Dear Parent

Geography is not only up-to-date and relevant, it is one of the most exciting, adventurous and valuable subjects to study today. So many of the world's current problems boil down to geography, and need the geographers of the future to help us understand them.

Global warming, sustainable food production, natural disasters such as earthquakes and tsunamis, the spread of disease, the reasons for migration and the future of energy resources are just some of the great challenges facing the next generation of geographers.

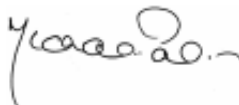
A knowledge of geography, instilled into me by two excellent teachers, has enriched my life and encouraged me to take on long and sometimes difficult journeys. Geography has stimulated my mind and given me the attitude to go out and see for myself, rather than be told by others.

Choosing geography at school can open the doors to a university degree, either specifically in geography or by combining geography with other A Levels to gain a place on a degree programme in another subject. An A Level in geography is recognised for its academic 'robustness' and, most importantly, it also helps young people into the world of work.

We know this is true because so many employers prize the knowledge and skills that studying geography can provide, be it knowing how the world works, planning research and report writing, working in a team, using new technologies and communication skills – and much more. You will find geographers working in a wide range of jobs, from the City to planning, working in the environment to travel and tourism, or in international charities or retail. As you can see overleaf, studying geography can help young people achieve careers that are professionally and financially rewarding and also enjoyable.

Last year I was delighted to hear that more than 230,000 pupils studied a GCSE or A Level in geography. So, alongside the other subjects that your son or daughter might study, I would encourage them to choose a GCSE or A Level in geography. It meant a lot to me and it could mean a lot to them.

With best wishes



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