

## Why study Geography?

Students studying Geography gain a diverse view of the world we live in and the physical processes shaping it. It is one of the most relevant subjects you can choose.

“So many of the world’s current issues – at a global scale and locally - boil down to geography, and we need the geographers of the future to help us understand them” Michael Palin (RGS President) 2011

## What will this involve?

For full information on the course go to the WJEC website where you can see the specification and sample exam papers.

### Year 12

Unit 1 Changing landscapes (Coasts and tectonics)

Unit 2 Changing places (how settlements are changing) and fieldwork skills.

Begin investigation - conduct fieldwork

### Year 13

Unit 3 - 21st Century challenges; global systems and governance; the carbon cycle, migration issues and managing oceans

Unit 4 Contemporary themes in Geography; Energy Dilemmas and Development in Sub Saharan Africa

Unit 5 Individual investigation. 3-4,000 words based on fieldwork that you have carried out.

## Where do I go from here?

“Geography graduates have one of the highest rates of graduate employment” (RGS). The main reason is that to be a good geographer you have to understand a range of processes and be numerate, literate and a confident user of IT. Given this, Geography is seen as a good ‘all round’ A level by universities and employers.

There are a number of degree courses that stem from Geography, and in recent years, students have gone on to courses in Environmental Science, Planning, Oceanography and International Development to name but a few. Environmental Analysis and Conservation are two growing fields that employ Geographers.