

What Will I Be Studying?

The new GCSE Geography qualification is engaging and relevant to today's Geographers – a qualification that enables students at Swanlea to explore the world, the issues it faces and their own place in it, and to help prepare them to succeed in their chosen pathway.

The Geography qualification has a straightforward structure with three components – Global Geographical Issues, UK Geographical Issues and People and Environment Issues – Making Geographical Decisions. The themes within these components are:

Section A: Hazardous Earth Section B: Development dynamics

Section C: Challenges of an urbanising world Section D: The UK's evolving physical landscape
Section E: The UK's evolving human landscape Section F: People and the biosphere

Section G: Forests under threat

Section H: Consuming energy resources

How Will I Be Assessed?

There will be three examinations in the three components:

Unit 1: Global Geographical Issues (1 hour 30 min)

Unit 2: UK Geographical Issues (1 hour 30 min)

Unit 3: People and Environment Issues – Making Geographical Decisions (1 hour 30 min)

Who Would Enjoy This Course?

- Those students who enjoy learning about the world they live in both near and far
- Students who enjoy learning outside the classroom would benefit from the course as there will be two day trips (one urban area trip and one river trip to Epping forest)
- Students who can be critical of their own investigations into Geography and other peoples' investigations into Geography

How Will This Course Help Me In The Future?

- It helps you to think critically about the information and sources you can see.
- It helps you to practise Mathematics and Statistics, in order to explore geographical questions and issues.
- It helps you to consider the world around you and then make appropriate geographical decisions by applying your knowledge, understanding and skills to real-life 21st-century people and environment issues.
- Geography is an important subject that is valued by universities around the world because it gives you statistics, data analysis and risk assessment skills.