

# GEOGRAPHY



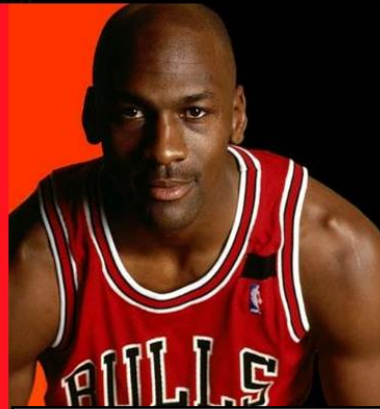
Mother Theresa  
(taught  
Geography)

**I ALONE CANNOT CHANGE THE  
WORLD, BUT I CAN CAST A STONE  
ACROSS THE WATERS TO CREATE  
MANY RIPPLES.**

Prince William  
(studied Geography at  
University)



**Who are these people and what do they all have in common?**



Michael Jordan  
(studied  
Geography)



Theresa May (studied Geography at  
Oxford University)



Anita Roddick (founder  
of the Body Shop, an  
environmentalist)



# GCSE GEOGRAPHY

Geography is one of the most popular option choices at GCSE with over a third of pupils in England taking the subject.

Geography is not only up-to-date and relevant, it's one of the **most exciting, adventurous and valuable subjects to study at GCSE level.**

So important, in fact, that the *Guardian* newspaper named Geography as a 'must-have A-Level' to **help you make sense of the world.**

Guardian Careers  
The Careers Blog

What makes psychology and geography grads the most employable?

**Unemployment rate (2018-2019):**

IT 9.4%, Physics 7.6%, Maths 7.5%

Biology 6.0%, DT 6.8%, Chemistry 6.3%, Arts 6.6%

Business Studies 6.1%, History 5.7%, English 5.4%

History 5.7%, Average unemployment 5.1%,

**Geography 4.8%**

(six months after graduation)



modern computer based mapping

debating and  
arguing your  
point

interpreting photos,  
cartoons, diagrams...

fieldwork

map skills

digital technologies

convincing  
others you  
are right

critical analysis

decision making

working  
with data

statistics

investigating  
issues in the  
real world

empathy

boosting your memory

report writing

analysing articles

problem solving

a wide variety of  
**SKILLS**

Top  
10

skills

in 2020

1. Complex Problem Solving
2. Critical Thinking
3. Creativity
4. People Management
5. Coordinating with Others
6. Emotional Intelligence
7. Judgment and Decision Making
8. Service Orientation
9. Negotiation
10. Cognitive Flexibility



Skills developed  
through high quality  
**FIELDWORK**






Pupils who have studied Geography have gone on to work in the following sectors: law, science, sales, business, environment, information technology, management, finance, banking, marketing, research, manufacturing, teaching, childcare, engineering and building, arts, design and media, town planning, working abroad and many (many) more...

**Jobs**

**Help Wanted**

Admin Manager (P/T)  
Intelligence and ability  
supervision. Involves  
ment management  
on office





What will  
**we study?**




# The Challenge of **NATURAL HAZARDS**



Are earthquakes  
the deadliest  
natural hazard?

What if the UK  
was hit by a  
tsunami?





Are cities in  
crisis?

What if there was  
no countryside?

Urban Issues and  
**CHALLENGES**



# The Changing **ECONOMIC WORLD**

iPhone manufacturer Foxconn plans to replace almost every human worker with robots

*China's iPhone factories are being automated*


by NICK SEXTON | @NICKSEXTON | Dec 30, 2016, 5:07pm EST



What jobs will  
there be in the  
future?

How will new  
technology affect  
business and trade?





What if all the  
world's rainforests  
were cut down?

How do plants and  
animals survive  
here?

The Living  
**WORLD**



# The Challenge of **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

Are we running  
out of resources?

What if all power  
was renewable?





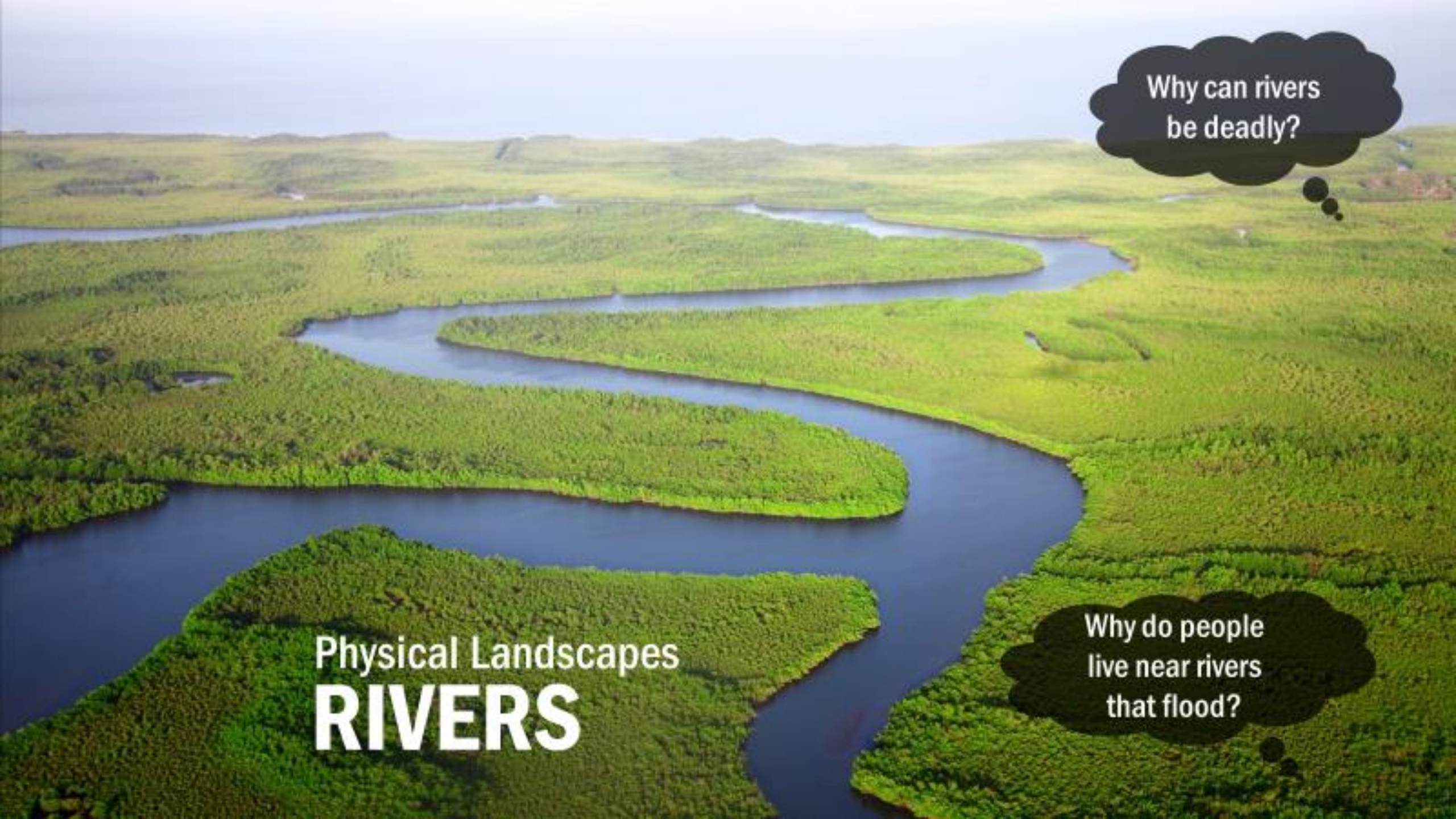


# Physical Landscapes **COASTS**

Why are millions of properties at risk of falling into the sea?

How should we protect our coastlines?



An aerial photograph of a wide, winding river flowing through a vast, flat landscape covered in dense green vegetation. The river meanders from the top left towards the bottom right, with several large, rounded islands and peninsulas. The sky is overcast and grey.

Why can rivers  
be deadly?

Physical Landscapes  
**RIVERS**

Why do people  
live near rivers  
that flood?



# FIELDWORK





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**Carding Mill Valley**  
River study



**Longbridge**  
Urban Regeneration



## Three **examinations** at the end of Year 11:

- Unit 1 (1hr 30mins) tests Physical Geography (3 topics)
- Unit 2 (1hr 30mins) tests Human Geography (3 topics)
- Unit 3 (1hr 15mins) tests Fieldwork and contains a Decision Making Exercise



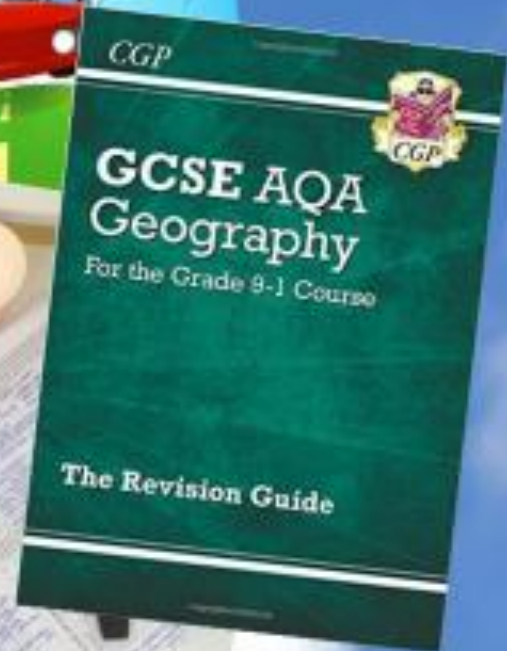


HELP

SUPPORT

ADVICE

GUIDANCE





# What subject(s) does Geography go well with?

All of them! Geography goes well with the Sciences and Mathematics as well as the Humanities, Languages and Arts. It is very flexible in terms of what it can be combined with both at GCSE and A Level.

**Geography keeps your options open.**



Sciences, Maths

PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY

HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

Humanities & Arts





# Does Geography go well with Triple Science or Statistics?

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These are **perfect combinations**.

Triple Science and Geography content:  
*(plate tectonics, climate, sea level rise,  
plants and animals in the rainforest,  
deforestation, energy, water, and more!)*

Statistics and Mathematics are also an important part of Geography.





# Am I good enough to do Geography?

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Yes, if you...

- are interested in the subject and the world around you (**really important!**)
- are a good 'all-rounder' and/or be committed to work on areas you may find trickier
- have good enquiry skills (i.e. good scientists)
- don't mind working with numbers occasionally!





Choose  
**YOUR FUTURE**

Choose  
**GEOGRAPHY**





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## *What topics will I study?*

- **Challenges of Natural Hazards** (earthquakes, volcanoes...)
- **The Living World** (tropical rainforests and hot deserts)
- **Physical Landscapes in the UK** (rivers and coasts)
- **Urban Issues & Challenges**
- **Changing Economic World**
- **Challenges of Resource Management** (water, food and energy supplies)
- **Geographical Skills**
- **TWO fieldwork** opportunities
- Real world 'case studies'

## *What career opportunities are there?*

- Environmental scientist
- Surveyor
- Charity worker
- Travel writer
- Conservationist
- Climatologist
- Town planning

*“I absolutely loved Geography – I found it super interesting and loved studying rivers”*

*James, learner who studied Geography*

## *Subject Overview*

You will study physical and human themes, and investigate links between them. Geography is 100% examination assessed through **THREE** written papers.

Topics include climate change, poverty, deprivation, global shifts in economic power and the challenge of sustainable resource use.

*For more information about this subject, please speak to Miss L Williams (Trust Curriculum Leader)*