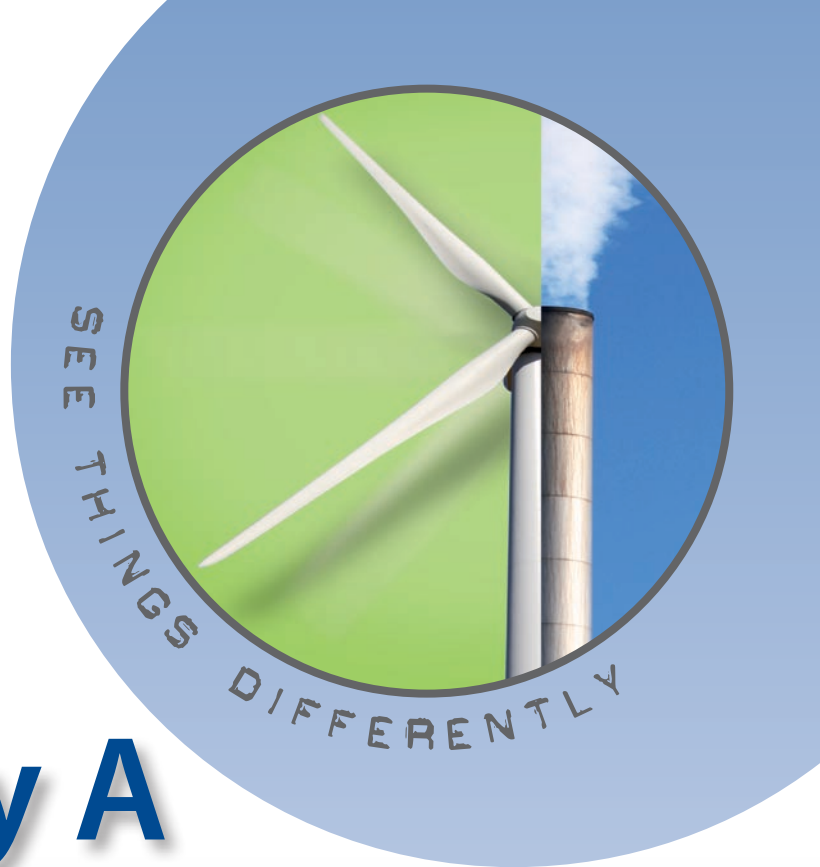


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OCR GCSE
Geography A



"Geography is a subject which holds the key to our future."

Michael Palin

*Where in the world would we be without **geography?***

Why OCR GCSE Geography A? Let us put you in the picture.

If you're weighing up your GCSE options at the moment, take a minute to consider just what you might gain if you choose our Geography A. Read on and let us explain a bit more...

What's in it for me?

There's never been a better time to study geography. It can lead to a qualification that links to many other subjects and is highly valued by employers.

How could it help with my future?

Geography GCSE is an ideal foundation if you want to do geography at A Level or as a career. This is because it covers a wide range of topics to help make sure you become a well-rounded geographer with skills required by the sector.

It could take you towards a number of careers, including climatologist, marketing, environmental management, emergency services manager, public relations officer, teacher, urban planner/ community developer and writer/researcher. You could be a science writer or a travel writer for a magazine or newspaper.

What are some of the things I'll learn?

This is a lively and innovative course. You'll be encouraged to understand facts and figures about your environment – which will develop transferable skills that are an ideal preparation for employment and further education. You'll also be encouraged to develop an appreciation of and a caring attitude towards the environment.

You can develop geographical skills such as the use of GIS, enquiry and analysis through fieldwork and research. By using up-to-date technologies and topics that reflect the real world, we think you'll find the relevance of this course to everyday life refreshing and interesting. You'll find added emphasis on some of the issues facing society today, such as sustainability, globalisation and uneven development.

Topics you'll learn about will include looking at extreme environments and you as a global citizen. You'll also study a UK location that's special to you and one other non-UK city or region.

How will my work be assessed?

This GCSE has a combination of exams and controlled assessment. Controlled assessment means coursework you do in a supervised environment – which could be in your classroom or, for example, on a field trip.

You'll have:

– **Three 1-hour exams** based on topics you'll have studied. Each is worth 25% of your total mark.

– **A controlled assessment unit**, worth 25%. You'll produce two investigative reports, which can be in a variety of forms, including poems, posters, videos, oral presentation and cartoons.

What grades could I get?

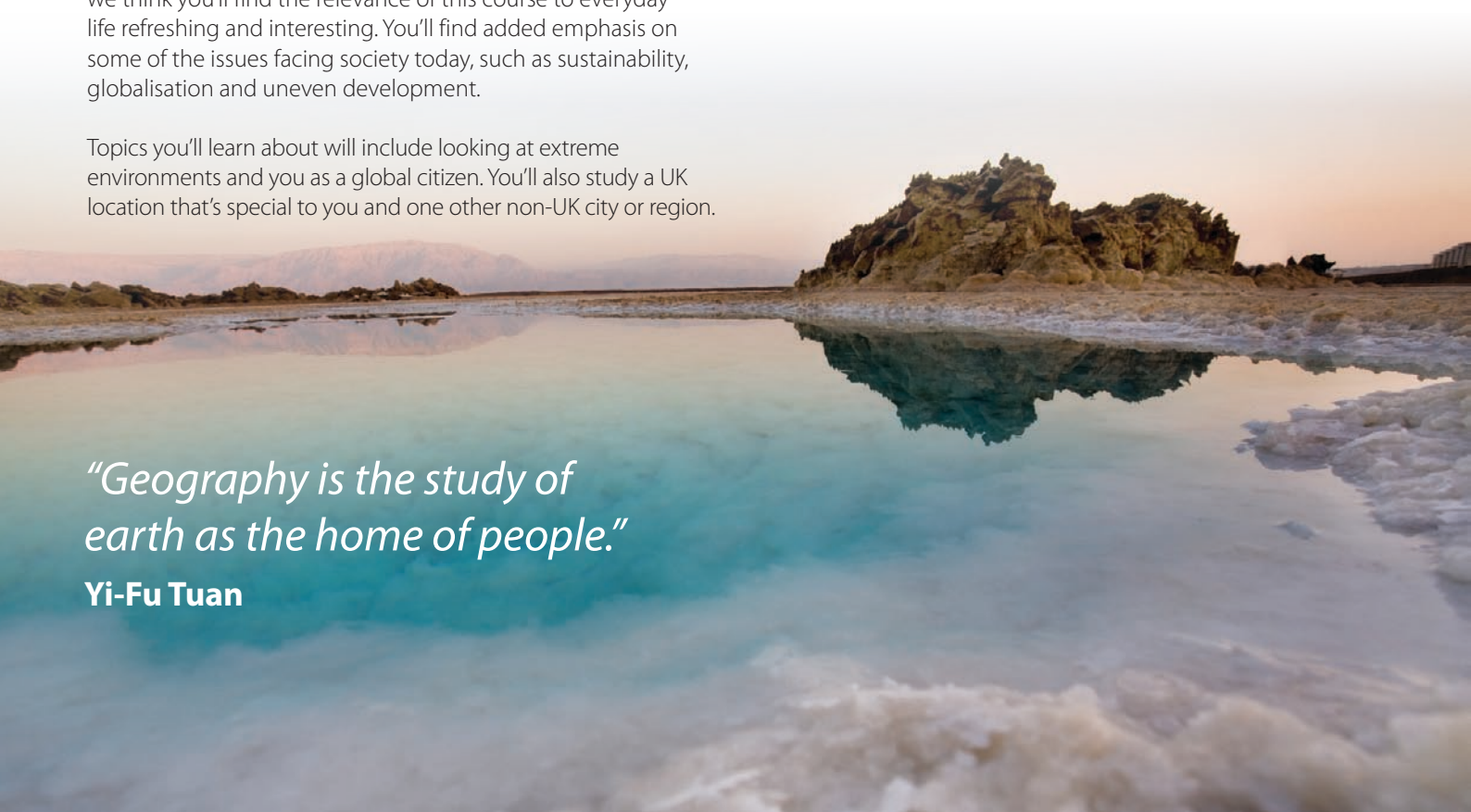
Once you're being entered for your exams, your Geography teacher will discuss with you which of the two available tiers is the best one for you to take:

Foundation tier – for grades C – G

Higher tier – for grades A* – C

Got any more questions?

If you think this GCSE is right for you, why not have a chat with your Geography teacher? You could also check out www.rgs.org and www.ocr.org.uk for ideas on where geography might lead you.



"Geography is the study of earth as the home of people."

Yi-Fu Tuan