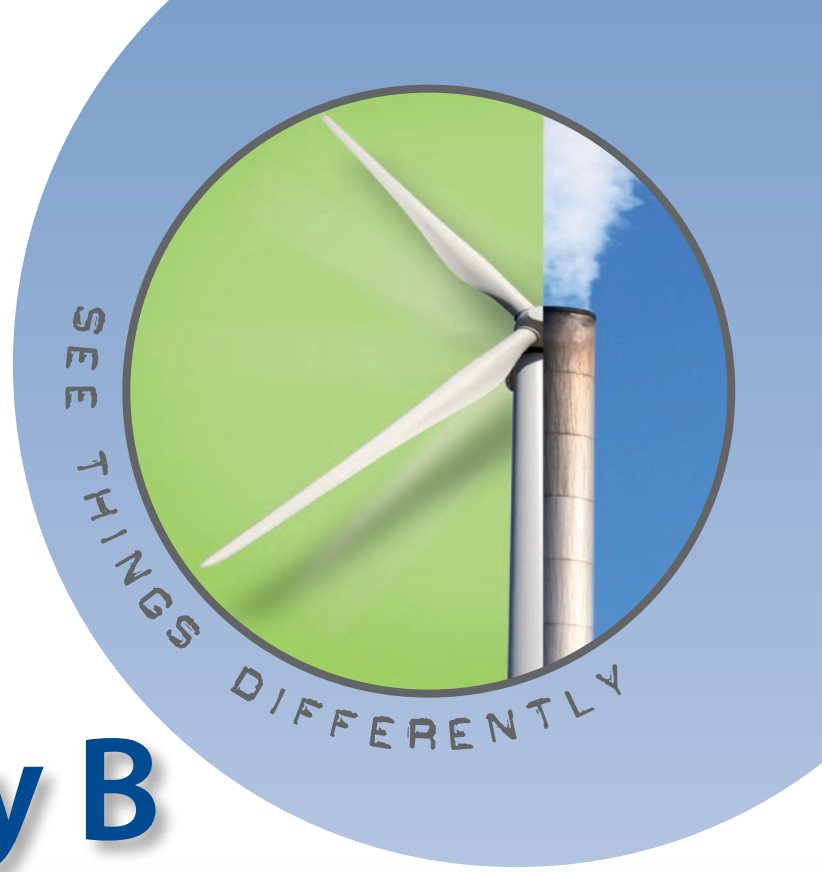


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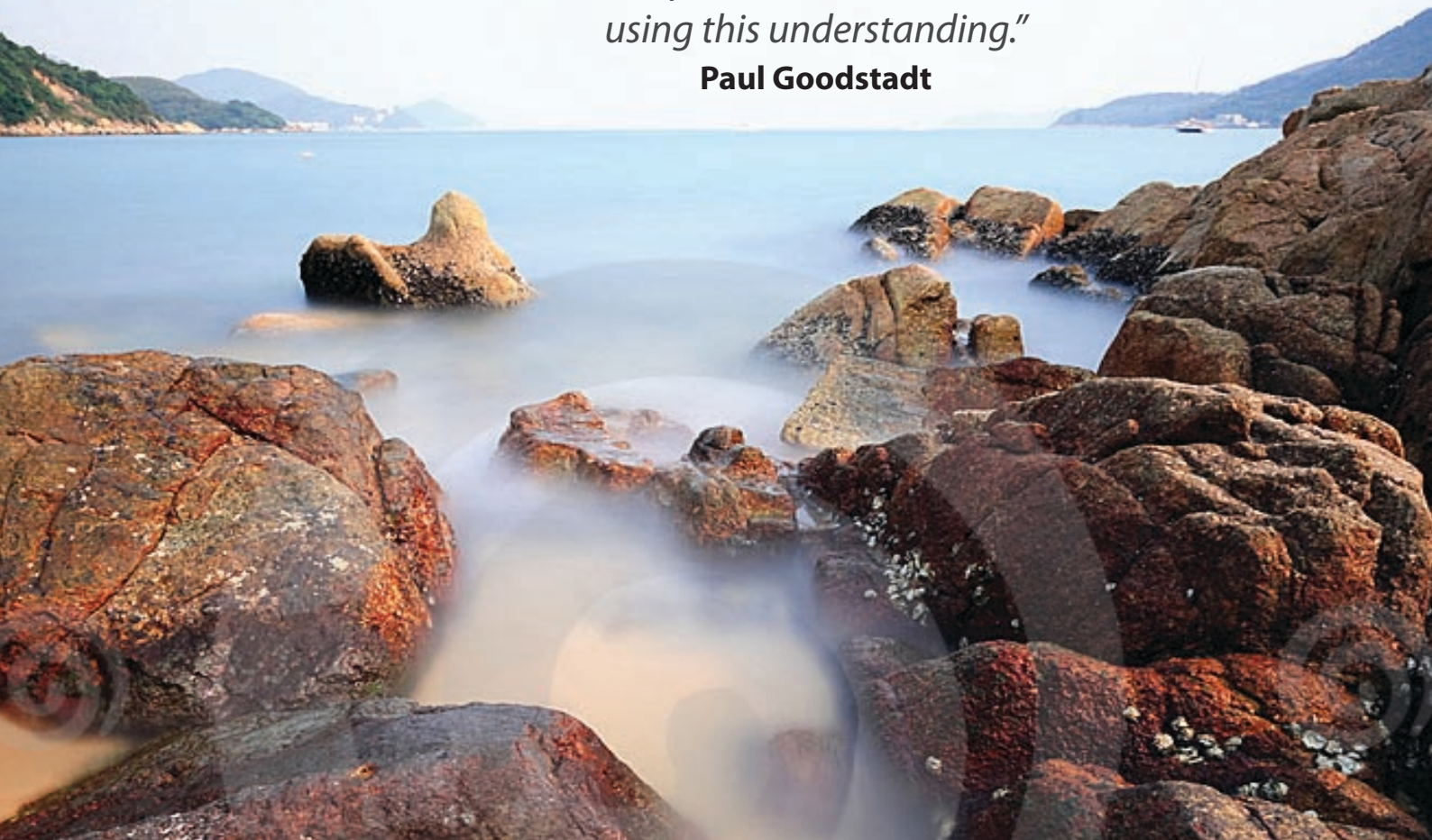
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Why Geography B? Let us put you in the picture.

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 B. 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 that you become a well-rounded geographer with skills required by the industry.

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?

It's an exciting course that will build on the skills and techniques that you have developed in Key Stage 3. It will:

- Help you understand the world around you
- Enable you to gain real skills that you'll find useful long after you've left school, such as how to read maps and use new technologies like GIS
- Teach you how to collect and interpret data gained through fieldwork and how to make decisions and solve problems
- Give you an understanding of how we use and abuse our planet and what we can do to reduce our impact
- Help you make informed decisions about where to work, where to live and where to go on holiday.

And there'll be plenty of practical work as well as theory, as you'll cover four themes:

Rivers and coasts

Population and settlement

Natural hazards

Economic development.

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:

- **A 1-hour decision-making exam** based on one of the topics that you'll have studied. This is worth 25% of your total mark. Your teacher will tell you when you'll be doing this paper.
- **A 1½-hour exam** based on the topics you've studied over the two-year course and worth 50%.
- **Two controlled assessment units**, worth 25% in total. One unit is based on fieldwork. For the other, you'll choose from nine topics, including disease, fashion, sport, climate and tourism. You'll produce an investigative report, which can be in a variety of forms such as a poster, video, podcast, website or formal report.

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.

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