

Geography

National 5

Progression through Geography

Higher
Geography



Course Content

Unit 1: Physical Environment Unit

Pupils will explore the natural events which have shaped the formation of Scottish and UK physical landscapes, the areas studied will vary from coastal features to glaciated landscapes, from limestone scenery to rivers. They will also examine the pressures on our natural environment, and through case studies look at solutions to managing and sustaining our unique environment. No physical study of the UK would be complete without acknowledging the role that our weather and climate play in influencing our lives, so pupils also look at developing a better understanding of why our weather is so unpredictable. The landscapes types will be either:

- a) Glaciated uplands and coastal landscapes
- b) Upland limestone and river landscapes

Unit 2: Human Environment Unit

Pupils will study, compare and contrast the countries of our planet. Key themes will include inequality between the rich and poor nations, world population distribution, reasons for the changes in world population growth, global health and disease, case studies looking at changes in urban and rural landscape in the UK and India.

Unit 3: Global Issues Unit

Pupils will develop a knowledge and understanding of significant global geographical issues. Topics covered here will be chosen from: climate change and sustainability, natural regions, environmental hazards- earthquakes, volcanoes and tropical storms, trade and globalisation and development & health. They will also explore strategies being adopted to manage these issues.

Added Value Unit: Geography: Assignment (National 5)

In this unit pupils will choose a geographical issue and write up a research project based on fieldwork. This will give them the opportunity to demonstrate their geographical skills and the project will be marked by the SQA.

Skills Developed

This topical and challenging course is packed with up-to-date, real-life case studies that motivate and absorb pupils, and use Scottish and wider-world examples throughout. There is an investigative approach to geographical issues and topics which encourages pupils to work independently, in addition, a range of engaging exercises help pupils build vital geographical skills and specific activities develop literacy, numeracy and ICT skills.

Assessment

Exam Paper

80% of overall grade

Added Value Assignment

20% of overall grade

Related Careers

Geography is also useful in a wide range of careers, including work in environmental sciences, civil engineering, marketing and design, tourism, surveying, planning and architecture, teaching, conservation, transport, the civil service, agriculture, geophysics and many other career paths.

Michael Jordan, Prince William, David Attenborough, Amy MacDonald and Chris Tarrant all studied Geography

