



# OPTIONS 2026 - Geography



# GCSE Geography

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- What is GCSE Geography about?
- Where will we go?
- Why is GCSE Geography important?
- What can I do with GCSE Geography?

# What is GCSE Geography about?

## Course Summary

3 written exams – 1 hour 30 minutes and require the use of a calculator

- **Paper 1:** Global Geographical Issues
- **Paper 2:** UK Geographical Issues
- **Paper 3:** People and Environment Issues



# Paper 1: Global Geographical Issues

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- **Topic 1:** Hazardous Earth
- **Topic 2:** Development dynamics
- **Topic 3:** Challenges of an Urbanising world



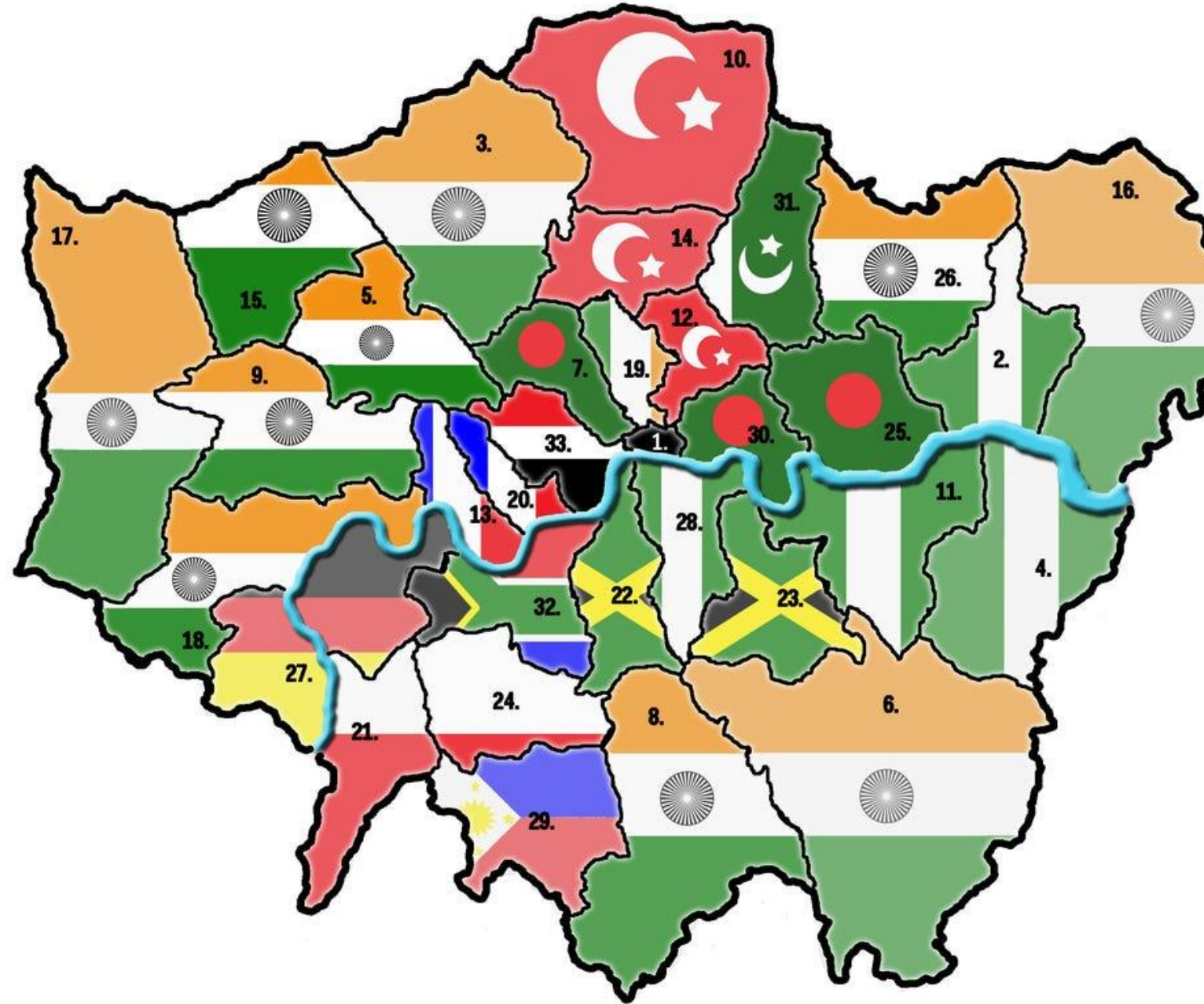


# Paper 2: UK Geographical Issues

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- **Topic 4:** The UK's evolving physical landscape
- **Topic 5:** The UK's evolving human landscape
- **Topic 6:** Geographical investigations (fieldwork)

The largest migrant populations in each borough of London





# Paper 3: People and Environment Issues

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- **Topic 7:** People and the biosphere
- **Topic 8:** Forests under threat
- **Topic 9:** Consuming energy resources



# What skills/qualities are required 50% of the paper!

- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Numeracy skills through collection, analysis and interpretation of geographical data
- Ability to interpret spatial patterns such as those shown on maps and graphs
- An enquiring mind – to question the world around you and seek valid answers





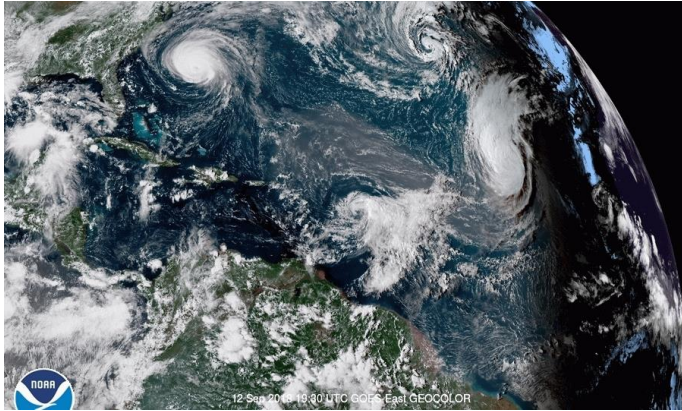
Where will we go?  
Kings Cross and The River Wye



# Why is GCSE Geography important?



# Geography in the news

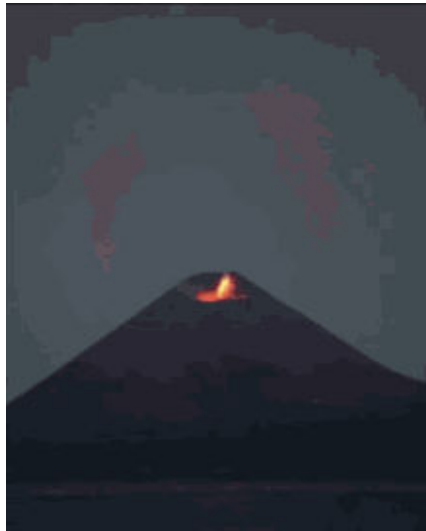


**Volcano in Iceland erupts for fourth time in three months**

**China records population decline for second straight year**

**Lagos: The megacity set to triple by 2050**

**Hurricane season set to be one of the most active on record**



**Amazon rainforest: Deforestation rate halved in 2023**

**European court rules human rights violated by climate inaction**

**Hurricane Melissa devastates Jamaica November 2025**





Geographers like to **ask questions** and **find solutions....**

**We ask:**

- what happened?
- Why?
- how can humans respond?
- how can we prepare better in the future?
- how can we make our world a fairer and better place for everyone?

# What can I do with GCSE Geography?

- 1. Environmental Scientist:** Conducting research to address environmental issues, such as climate change, pollution, and conservation.
- 2. Climate Change Analyst:** Analyzing data to understand climate patterns and trends, and developing strategies to address climate change impacts.
- 3. Urban Planner:** Designing and planning cities to ensure efficient land use, infrastructure, and sustainability.
- 4. GIS Specialist (Geographic Information Systems):** Using technology to analyze and interpret geographical data, creating maps and visualizations for various purposes.
- 5. Marine Biologist:** Studying marine ecosystems, biodiversity, and conservation to protect and preserve ocean environments.
- 6. Travel Blogger/Writer:** Exploring and documenting travel experiences, providing insights into different cultures, landscapes, and geographical locations.
- 7. Disaster Relief Coordinator:** Working with organizations to plan and coordinate responses to natural disasters and humanitarian crises.
- 8. Cartographer:** Creating maps and visual representations of geographical data, combining artistic and technical skills.
- 9. Geospatial Analyst:** Utilizing geospatial technology to analyze data for industries such as agriculture, forestry, or environmental monitoring.
- 10. Renewable Energy Consultant:** Advising on the development and implementation of sustainable energy solutions, such as wind, solar, or hydroelectric power.



# What can I do with GCSE Geography?

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## Dr. Kathryn Sullivan

- Geologist, Oceanographer, Nasa astronaut & US Navy Officer
- First American woman to walk in space
- First woman to dive to lowest point on Earth

"My way of thinking about it never crystallised into: I want that job, I want that title or that label. But what I knew really clearly was what I wanted my life to be like, **I wanted it to have that mixture of inquiry and adventure and competency**".





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