



Millom School

Geography Department



Click on the world!

Start thinking like a
Geographer!



because you are one!



Why? ...

Are you interested in where you live, how places are changing and who makes the decisions about the environment we live in?

Are you interested in the way the economy works?

Are you fascinated by the natural environment? Do you enjoy being out in the field studying landforms and researching the processes that have formed them? Are you a problem solver?

Do you enjoy map work and using software such as Google Earth™?

Do you have a genuine interest in global affairs and a real passion to make a difference?

Fascinated by the world of opportunities out there? Would you like a career which combines a good job with plenty of opportunities to travel and explore new places at home and abroad?

Do you want to work with people and affect their everyday lives?

Do you care about the future of the planet? Are you interested in green issues?

Why study Geography?

There are many reasons why people decide to study Geography at university. Some of the following may apply to you:



- You enjoy learning about people and their societies, economies, cultures and the environment
 - You are keen to learn and develop a wide range of skills
 - You are seeking a broad based academic degree, offering above average graduate employability

Why study Geography?

▶ Popular

- ▶ More than 80 Universities in the UK offering 1577 Geography related Degrees.
- ▶ The number of students applying to study Geography at University has increased every year since 2011.
- ▶ Numbers studying Geography at postgraduate level has doubled since 2011.

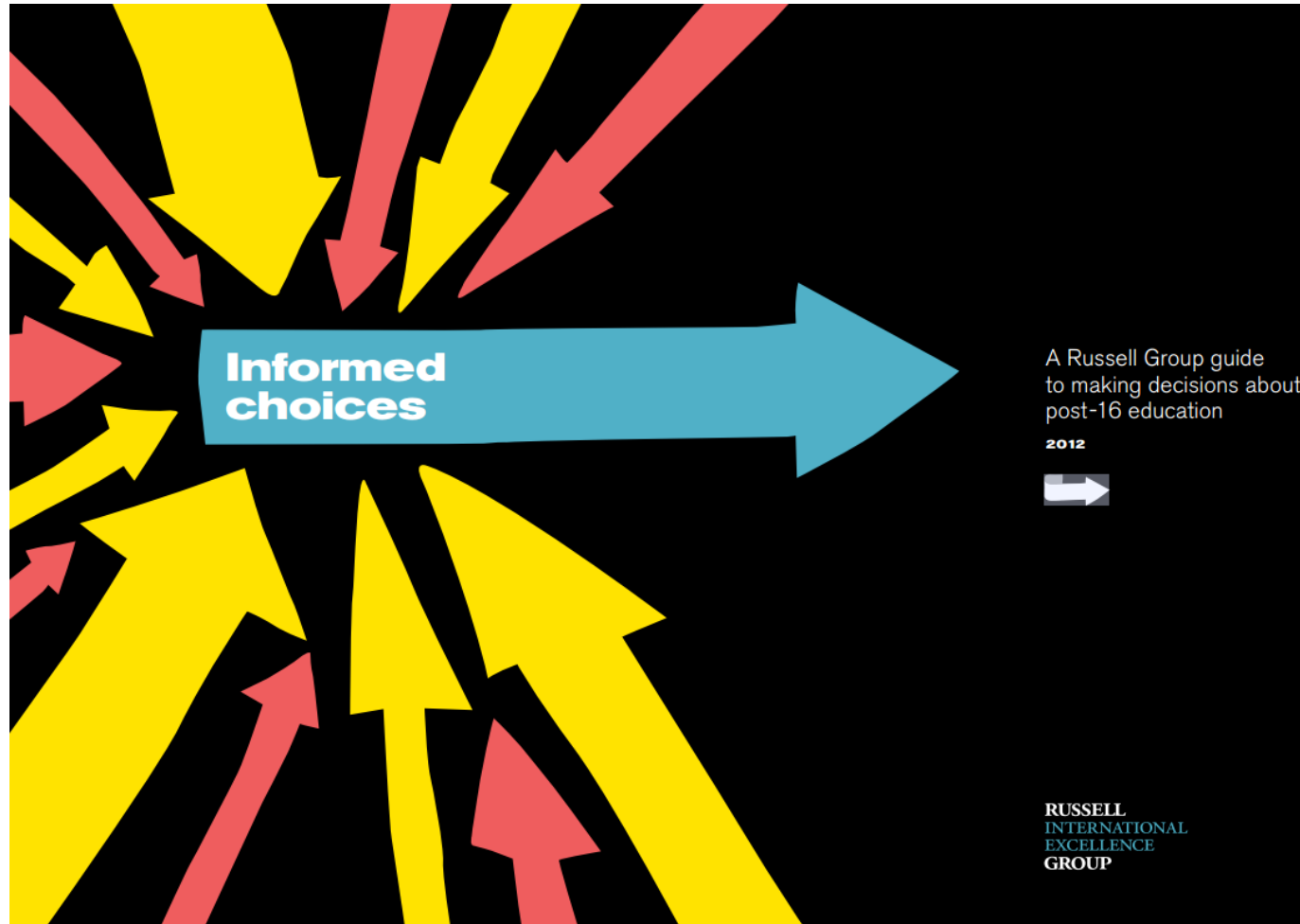
▶ Good Quality

- ▶ The annual student satisfaction survey reveals that satisfaction amongst Geography students with their courses is consistently in the top 3.

▶ Employable

- ▶ Geography students are amongst the most sought after by employers
- ▶ Less likely to be unemployed
- ▶ Earning potential is good with 83% of Geography graduates in 2016 earning more than £25,000 per year.

What do the Russell Group Say about A level Subject Choice?



<http://www.russellgroup.ac.uk/informed-choices.aspx>

Facilitating Subjects



- ▶ **Facilitating subjects include:**

Maths and Further Maths; Physics; Biology; Chemistry; History; Geography; Modern and classical languages; English Literature.

- ▶ In most cases 3 facilitating subjects are not required for entry to a degree at a Russell Group university – but many courses do require you to have studied one or more facilitating subjects.
- ▶ But for some degrees only one facilitating subject is required and there are also courses with no specific requirements or where subjects are desirable but not an absolute requirement.

Content Overview

- Landscape Systems
- Earth's Life Support Systems
- Geographical Skills

- Changing Spaces; Making Places
- Global Connections
- Geographical Skills

Optionality – study 2 of 5

- Climate Change
- Disease Dilemmas
- Exploring Oceans
- Future of Food
- Hazardous Earth
- Geographical Skills

- Independent Investigation

Assessment Overview

Physical systems (01)

66 marks

1 hour 30 minute
written paper

22%
of total
A level

Human interactions (02)

66 marks

1 hour 30 minute
written paper

22%
of total
A level

Geographical debates (03)*

108 marks

2 hours 30 minute
written paper

36%
of total
A level

Investigative geography (04/05)*

60 marks

Non-examination
assessment (NEA)

20%
of total
A level

'Geography students hold the key to the world's problems'

a statement not to be underrated in a world continually shaken by

Well known examples...

- Population growth
- Global migration
- The energy crisis
- Global warming
- Extreme weather events
- Sea level rise
- Resource depletion
- Deforestation
- Severe water shortage
- Soil erosion and desertification

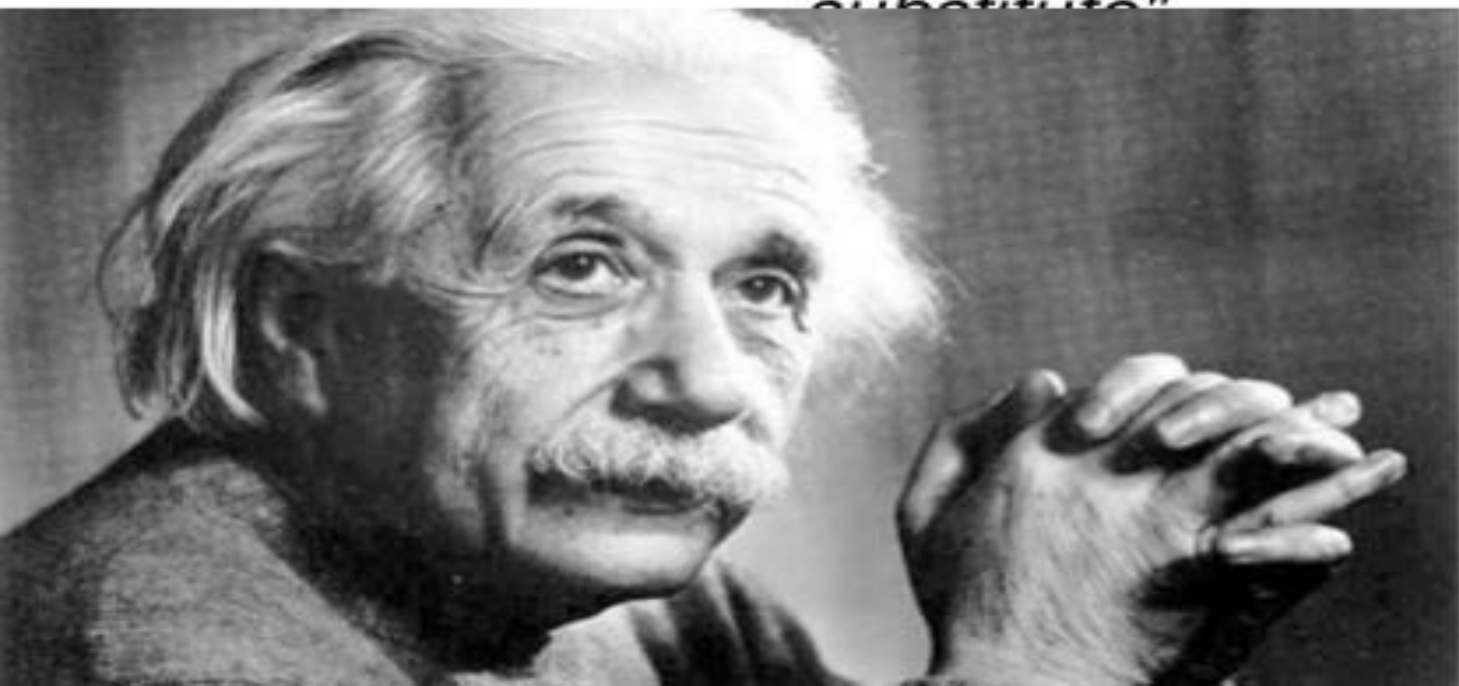


Michael Palin, Former president of the Royal Geographical Society

Unexpected Geographers?

"As a young man, my fondest dream was to become a geographer. However, while working in the customs office I thought deeply about the matter and concluded it was too difficult a subject.

With some reluctance I then turned to physics as a substitute"



Einstein:

Wishing he had continued with Geography!

Geography



Geography:

Take a different
view