

Why School Geography Matters

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One of Humanity's Big Ideas

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Geography underpins a lifelong 'conversation' about the earth as the home of humankind. It is not a narrow academic subject for the few. It is a fundamental idea of relevance to everyone.

- Geography fascinates and inspires: geographical investigation both satisfies and nourishes curiosity
- Geography deepens understanding: many contemporary challenges – climate change, food security, energy choices – cannot be understood without a geographical perspective
- Thinking and decision-making with geography help us to live our lives as knowledgeable citizens, aware of our own local communities in a global setting
- Geographical enquiry develops skills: using maps and images of people and place, processing numerical data, using graphical forms of communication as well as words and getting to grips with the geographic information systems that underpin our lives ... all these things make geographers skilful and employable.

Source: the GA Manifesto *A Different View*