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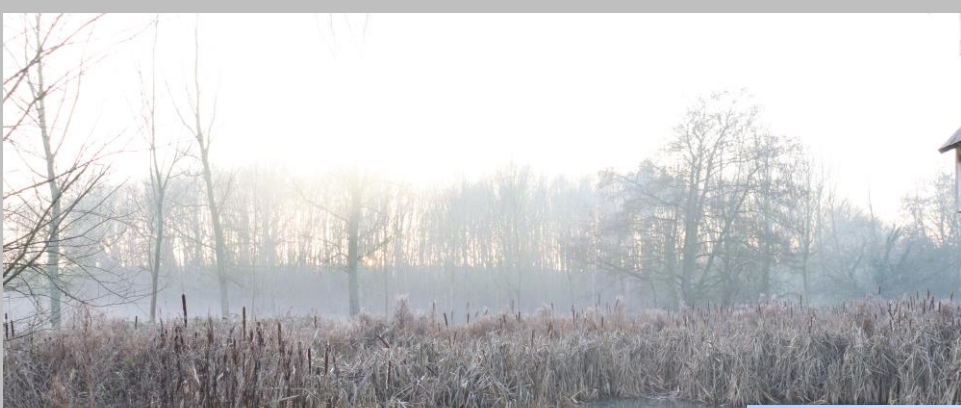
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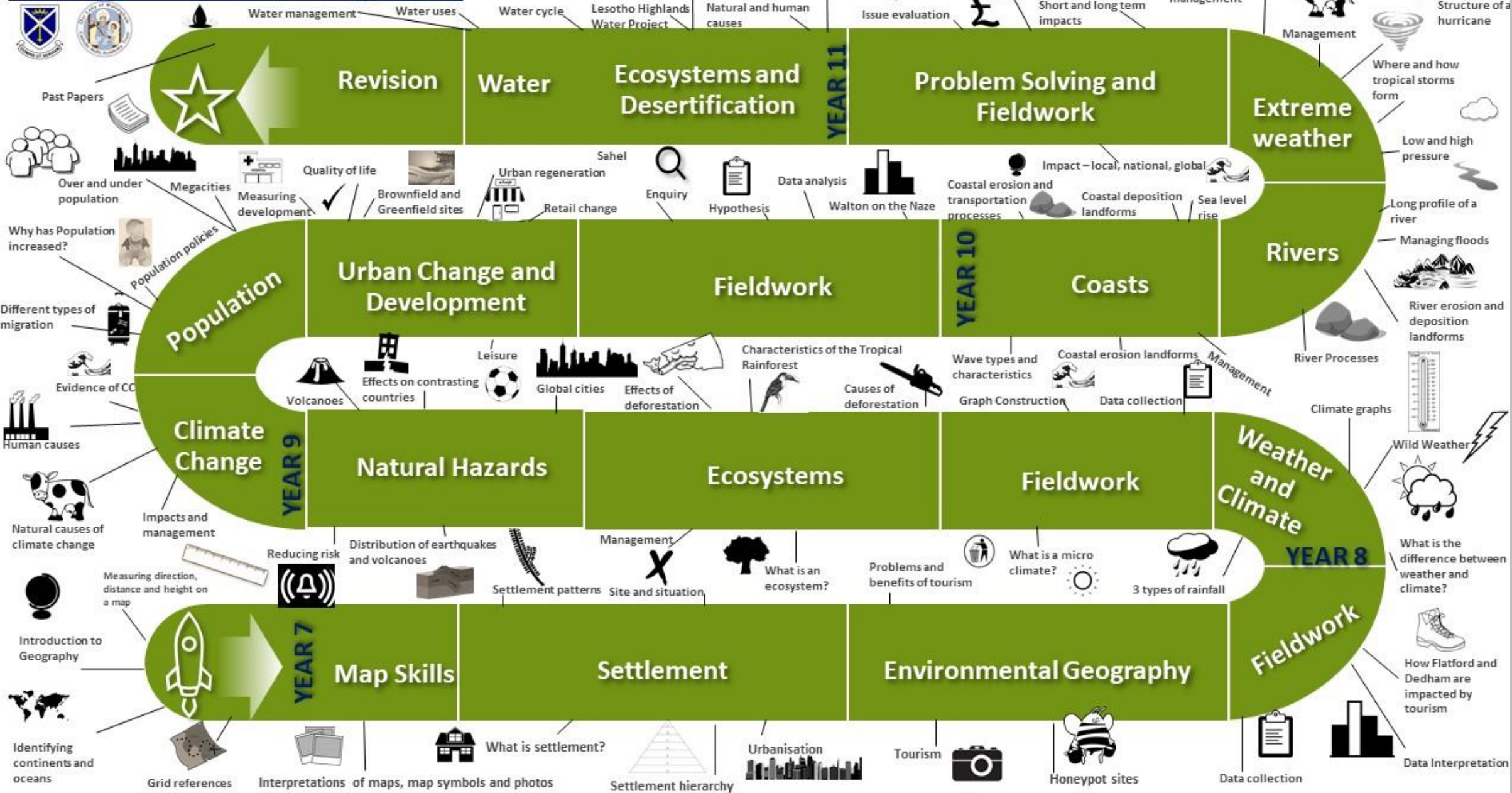


Why

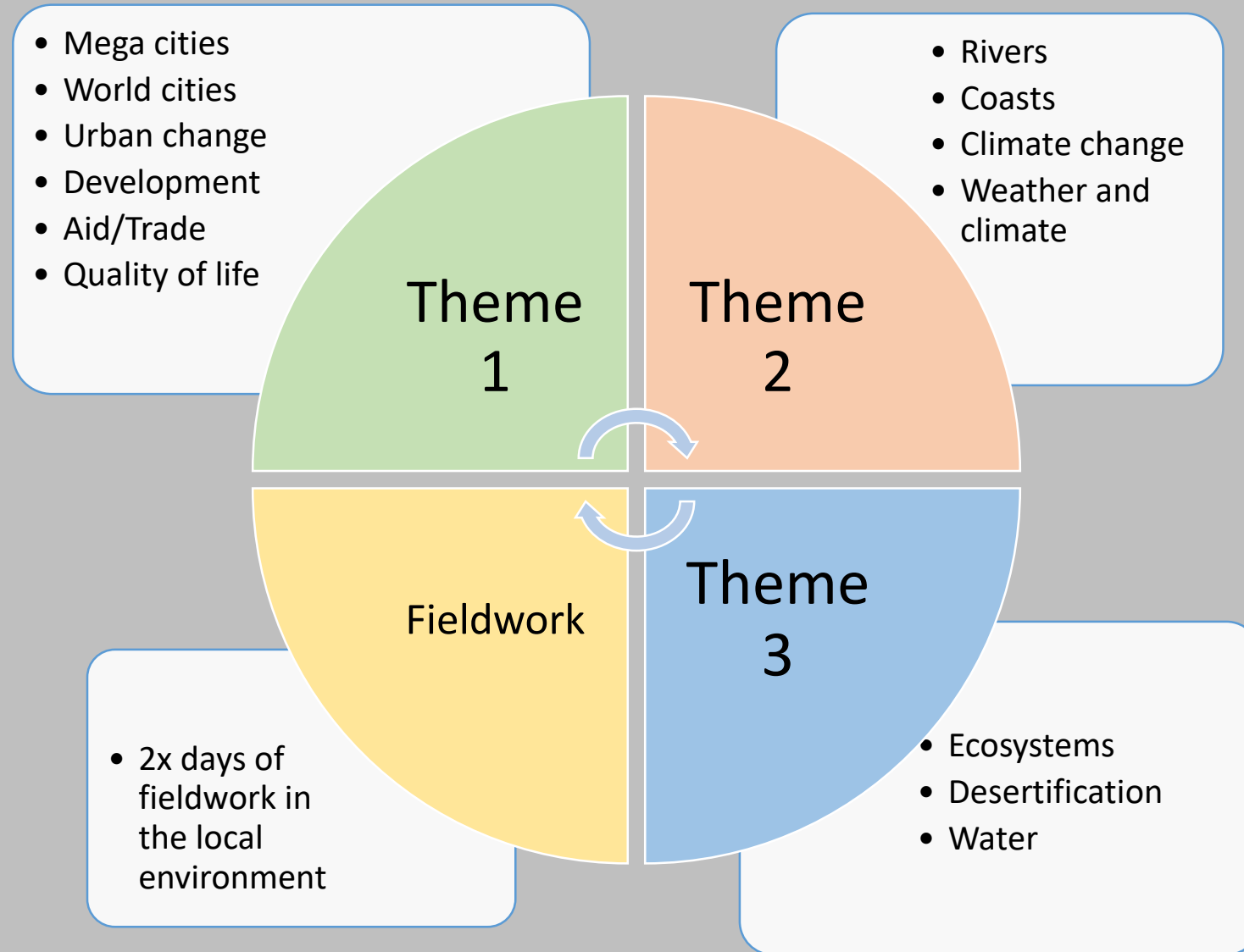
Geography?



5 Year Curriculum Geography



What do we study at GCSE?

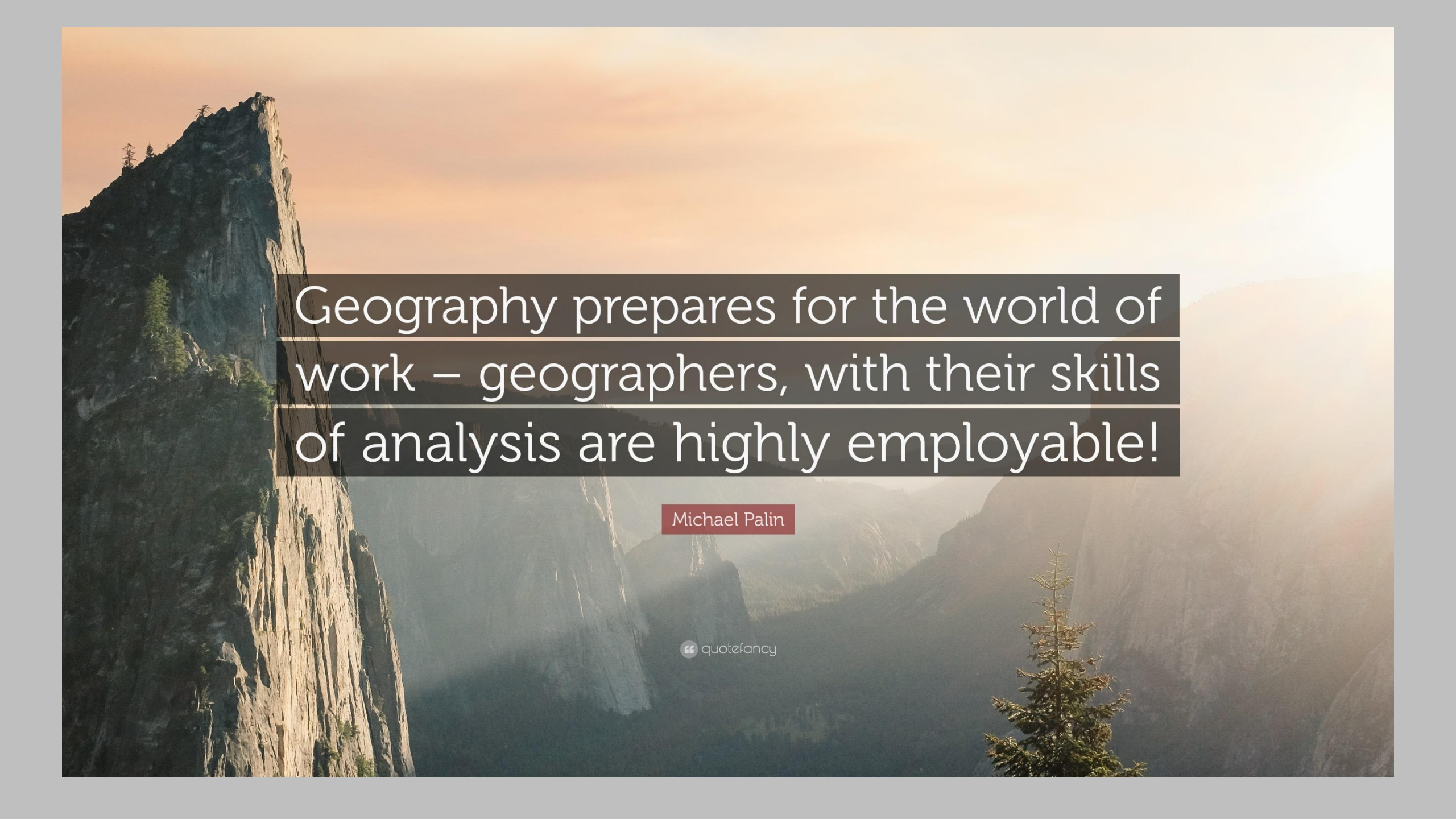


GCSE GEOGRAPHY is the subject that Universities recommend taking because NO other subject has so many other areas within it: Science, History, R.E, Politics, Economics, Maths, Sociology...

You will also develop skills in:


- Essay writing
 - Debating
 - Evaluating
 - Analysis
- Statistical analysis
 - Fieldwork

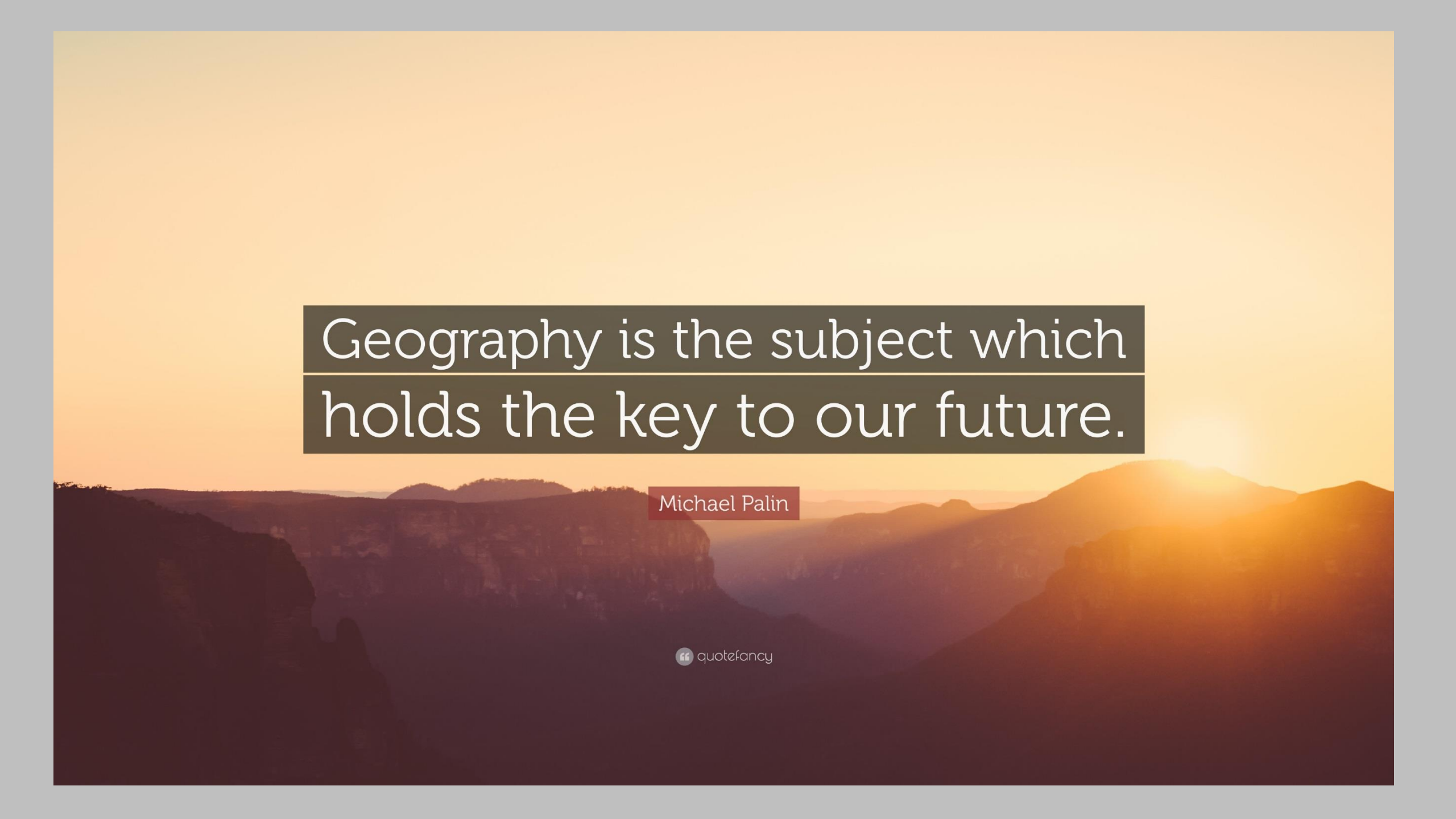
All of these skills are TRANSFERABLE and are desirable in many different career routes!



Geography prepares for the world of work – geographers, with their skills of analysis are highly employable!

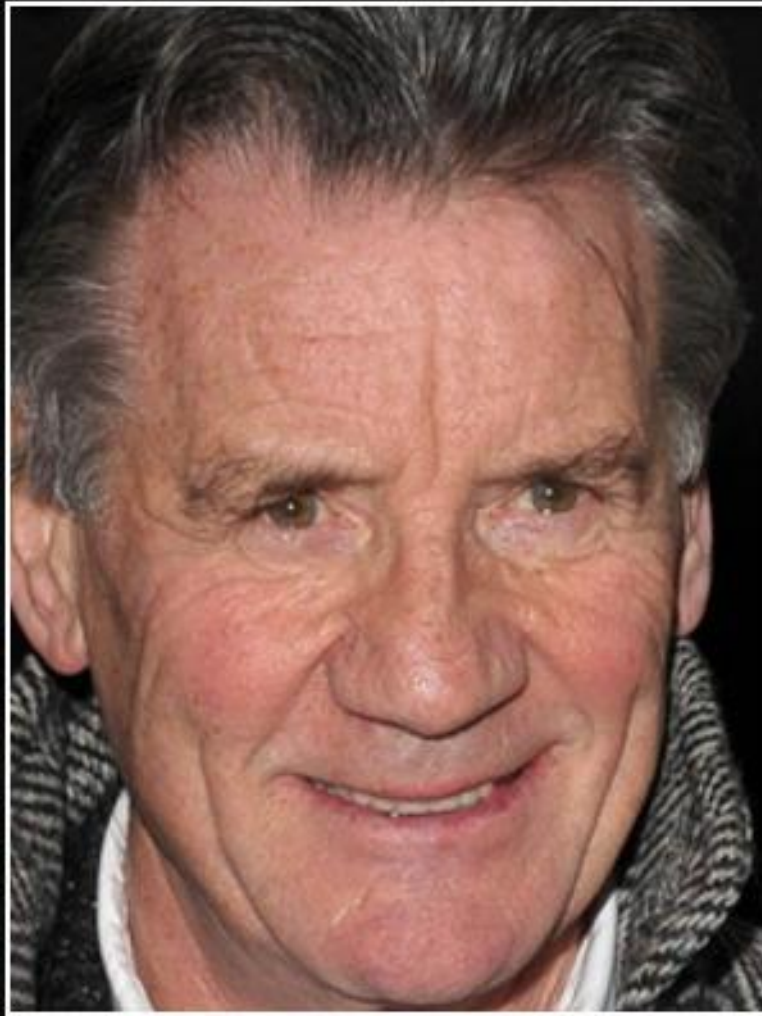
Michael Palin

 quote fancy

A scenic landscape at sunset with mountains and a valley. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the scene. The mountains are silhouetted against the bright sky, and the valley below is filled with soft, hazy light. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

Geography is the subject which
holds the key to our future.

Michael Palin



John Hall, my geography teacher at school inspired me to a lifelong interest in geography and a curiosity about our world which has stayed with me through my life. Geography is a living, breathing subject, constantly adapting itself to change. It is dynamic and relevant. For me geography is a great adventure with a purpose.

— *Michael Palin* —

AZ QUOTES



History

is WHO we are and
WHY we are the WAY we are.

History is not just the *Past*.

History is the **PRESENT.**

Why take History at GCSE?

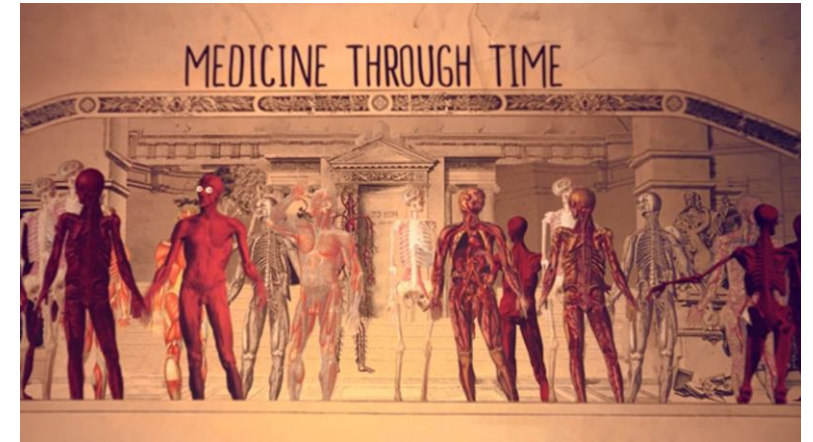
If you don't know history, then you don't know anything. You are a leaf that doesn't know it is part of a tree.

Michael Crichton

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The first term in year 9 is an opportunity to develop GCSE skills

Half term one is a **breadth study** on the topic of medicine through time, working on essay writing exam skills.



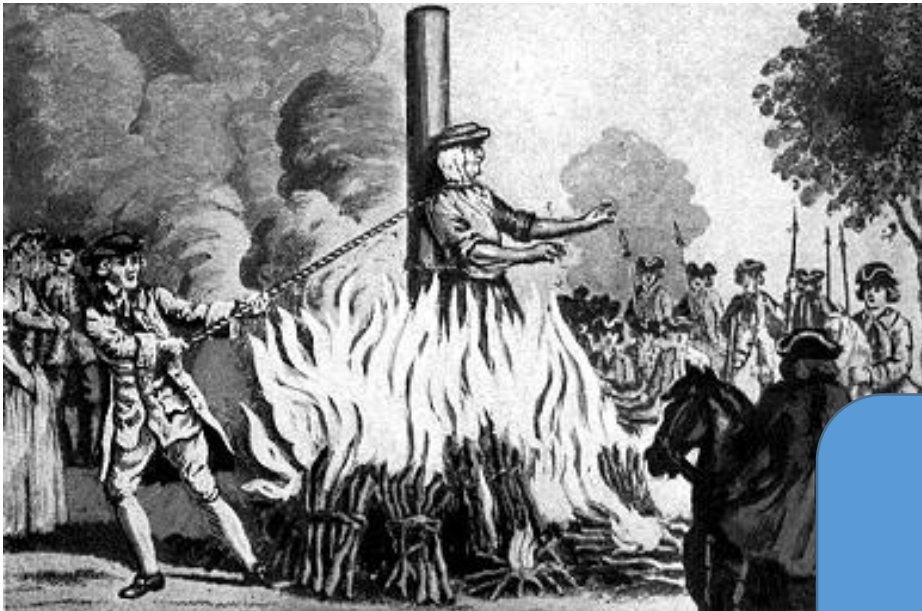
Half term two is a **depth study** on the topic of America in the 1960's, working on source analysis skills.



Then after Christmas we start the GCSE content...

If you want to understand how...

English Crime and Punishment went from



This

To



This

Unit One:

Crime and Punishment
1000-Present

(With a focus study on Whitechapel)

And how...

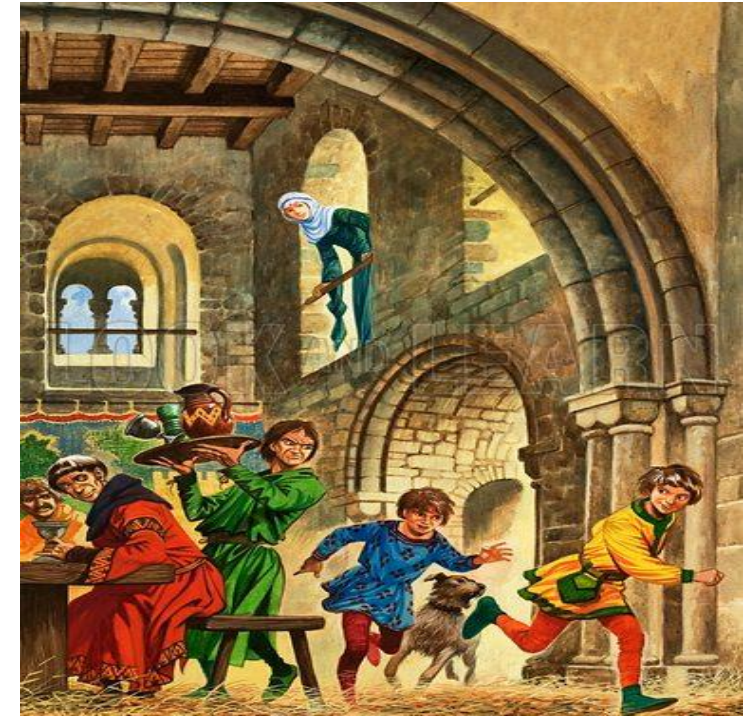
English society went from



This

To

Unit Two:
Anglo Saxon and
Norman England
1060-1088



This

And how...

Native American Indians went from



This

To

Unit Three:
The American
West
1835-1895



This

And finally how...

German leadership went from



This

To

Unit Four:

Weimar and

Nazi

Germany

1919-1939



This

Then you need to take
GCSE History next year!



GCSE History is a well respected, academic subject that will open a lot of doors...

You will develop skills in:

- Essay writing
- Debating
- Evaluating
- Analysis
- And many, many more...

All of these skills are TRANSFERABLE and are desirable in many different career routes!

Not only this but...

In the 2018 exams History Students at St Alban's Catholic High School achieved:

75% of pupils getting a grade 9-4

The national average was:

64% of pupils achieving a grade 9-4

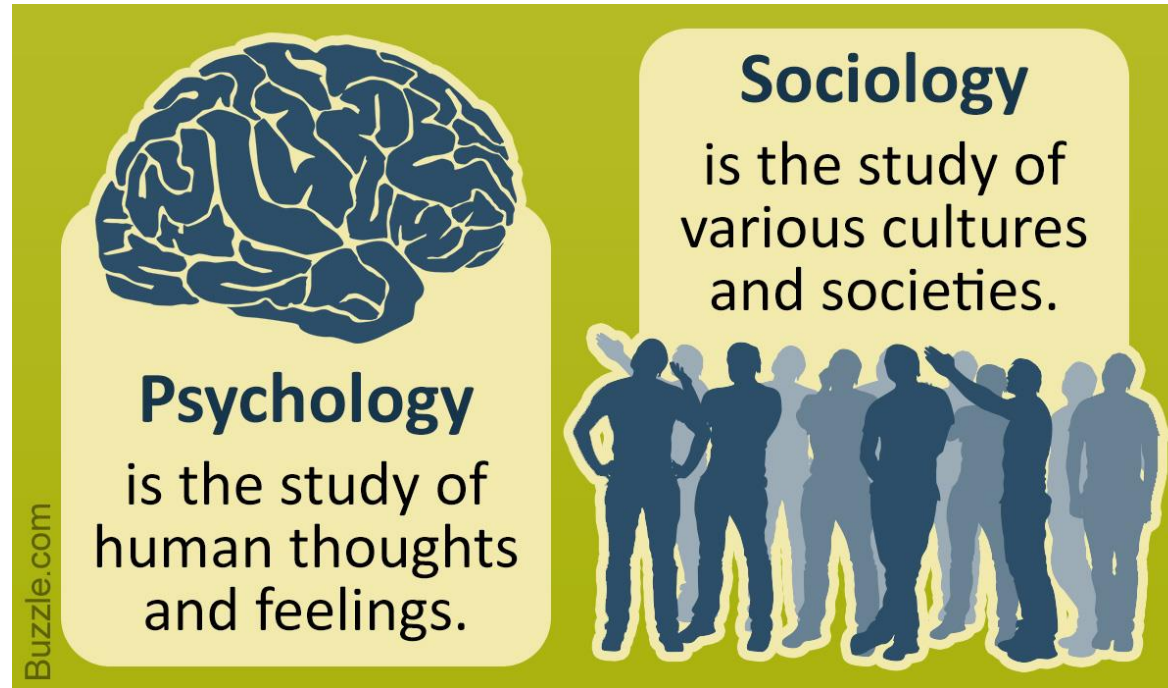
We get great results! 😊

So the question should be...



Why **WOULDN'T** you take GCSE History next year?!

Oh, and not forgetting!!



History and Geography are both great subjects to prepare for A-Level study in Psychology and Sociology.

So plan ahead!

If these are A Level routes you want to follow you need to be taking a humanities subject at GCSE 😊

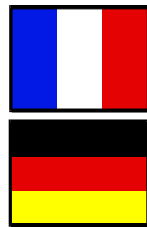




WHO NEEDS LANGUAGES?



Why study
Modern Foreign Languages
at
St alban's catholic high school?



1. Improved Job Prospects

- **Forms part of the English Baccalaureate**
- **Looks good on your CV**
- **UK workforce suffers from chronic shortage of people at all levels with usable language skills**
- **Companies need personnel with technical or professional skills plus another language**
- **8% additional salary**
- **languages can be used in any job as soon as there is a need for any form of communication in a second language**

Latest research

- **75% of employers want language skills**
- **'conversational ability that builds rapport'**
- **Main demand is still for European languages:**
 - **50% want French,**
 - **49% German**
 - **41% Spanish.**
- **Interest also in Mandarin/Cantonese.**



All these companies have advertised posts with languages recently



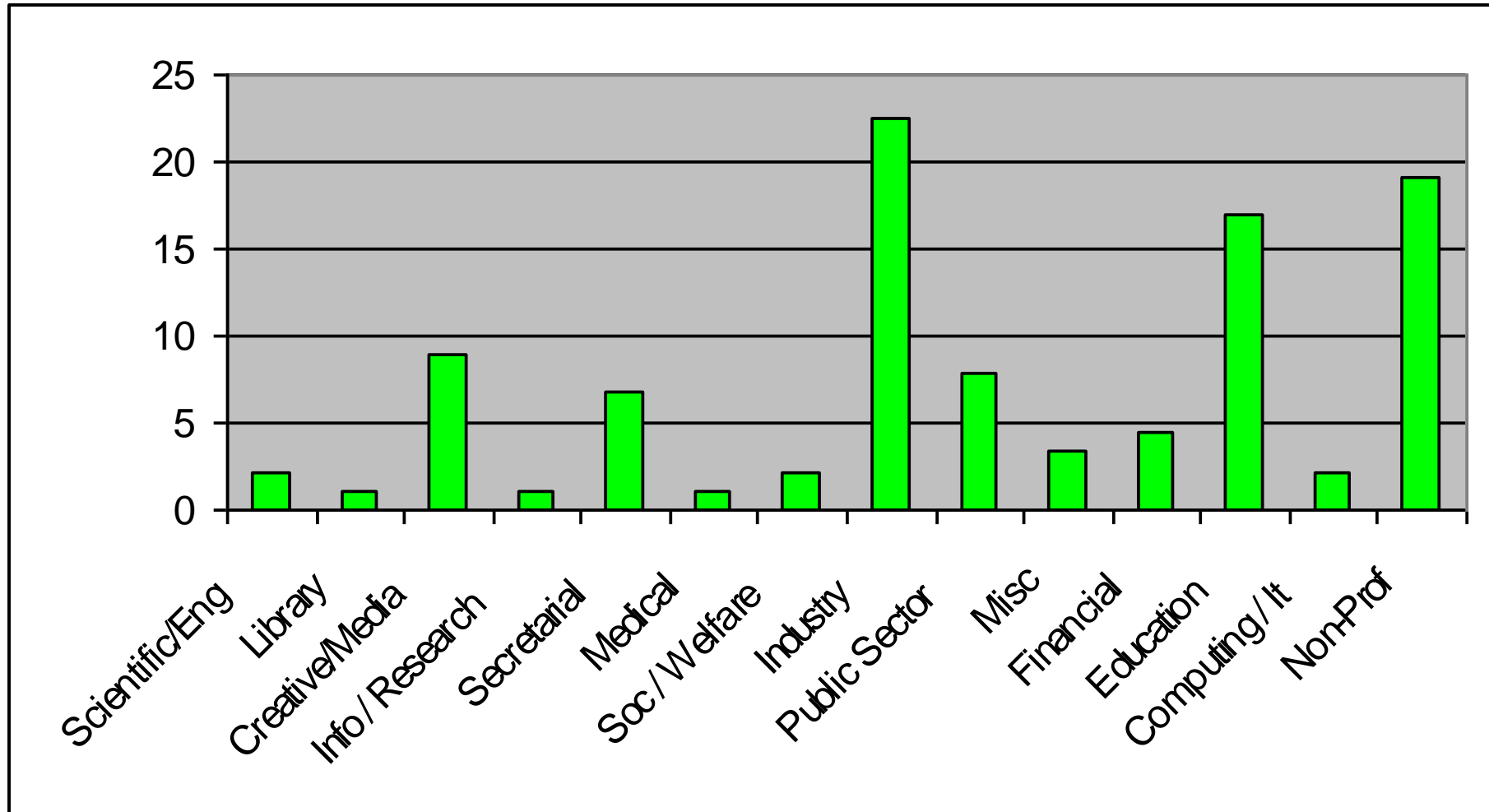
2. Further Study and Beyond

- **Languages combine well with virtually any subject**
- **Degrees such as English with French to Law with German**
- **one in seven people at university studies a language as part of their degree**
- **learn now rather than later!**

2. Further Study and Beyond

- **Unemployment in recent years amongst people with degrees:**
 - All new UK graduates: 5.5%**
 - Modern Languages Graduates: 4.3%**
- **Business services, banking and finance, wholesale and retail, manufacturing and public administration, etc, etc!**

Destinations of language graduates



3. It's a Myth that "Everyone speaks English anyway"!!

- **75% of the world's population does not speak English**
- **60% of British trade is with non-English speaking countries**
- **Buy in the native language, sell in the customer's**
- **British Business has the poorest language skills in Europe**

5. Very Good Teaching

“Standards in Years 10 and 11 are well above what is usually seen.”

“High expectations encourage students to reach their full potential.”

“Achievement is outstanding by Year 11. Last year, we were the highest achieving of all AQA centres nationwide for GCSE and A-Level.”

6. Excellent Public Examination Results

- **“Examination Results at GCSE are outstanding”**
- **French, 2019: 93% Grade 9-4 (3 pupils got 9)**
- **German, 2019: 83% Grade 9-4**
- **Equally impressive ‘A’ level results with 100% A*- C in French and A in German**
- **Students get to Oxford and Cambridge**

New Language starting next year



9. Avoid making silly translation mistakes



In a Rhodes tailor shop:
“Order your summers suit.
Because is big rush we
will execute customers in
strict rotation.”

•**On the menu of a Swiss restaurant:** “Our wines leave you nothing to hope for.”

•**Hotel elevator, Paris:** “Please leave your values at the front desk.”

A menu in Vienna: “Fried milk, children sandwiches, roast cattle and boiled sheep.”

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