

Welcome to the Southam College  
Sixth Form



# Welcome to A level Geography

# Why study Geography?



- ▶ Geography broadens the mind. It helps us to understand the world we live in, different cultures and landscapes and why we live the way we do.
- ▶ In A level Geography, we examine how we interact with our planet and how the choices we make now will affect how we live in the future.
- ▶ In an ever changing and challenging world, an understanding of these matters through the study of Geography has never been more important.



# We study...

## Year 1

- ▶ **Contemporary Urban Environments**—here you will learn about urban growth and change and the challenges this poses
- ▶ **Glacial Systems and landscapes**—you will study the development and human interaction with these dynamic landscapes
- ▶ **Changing Places**—in this part of the course you will examine how people engage with various places
- ▶ **Fieldwork** is a compulsory part of the course will be carried out in Yorkshire.
- ▶ There should also be an opportunity to visit Iceland during Year 13



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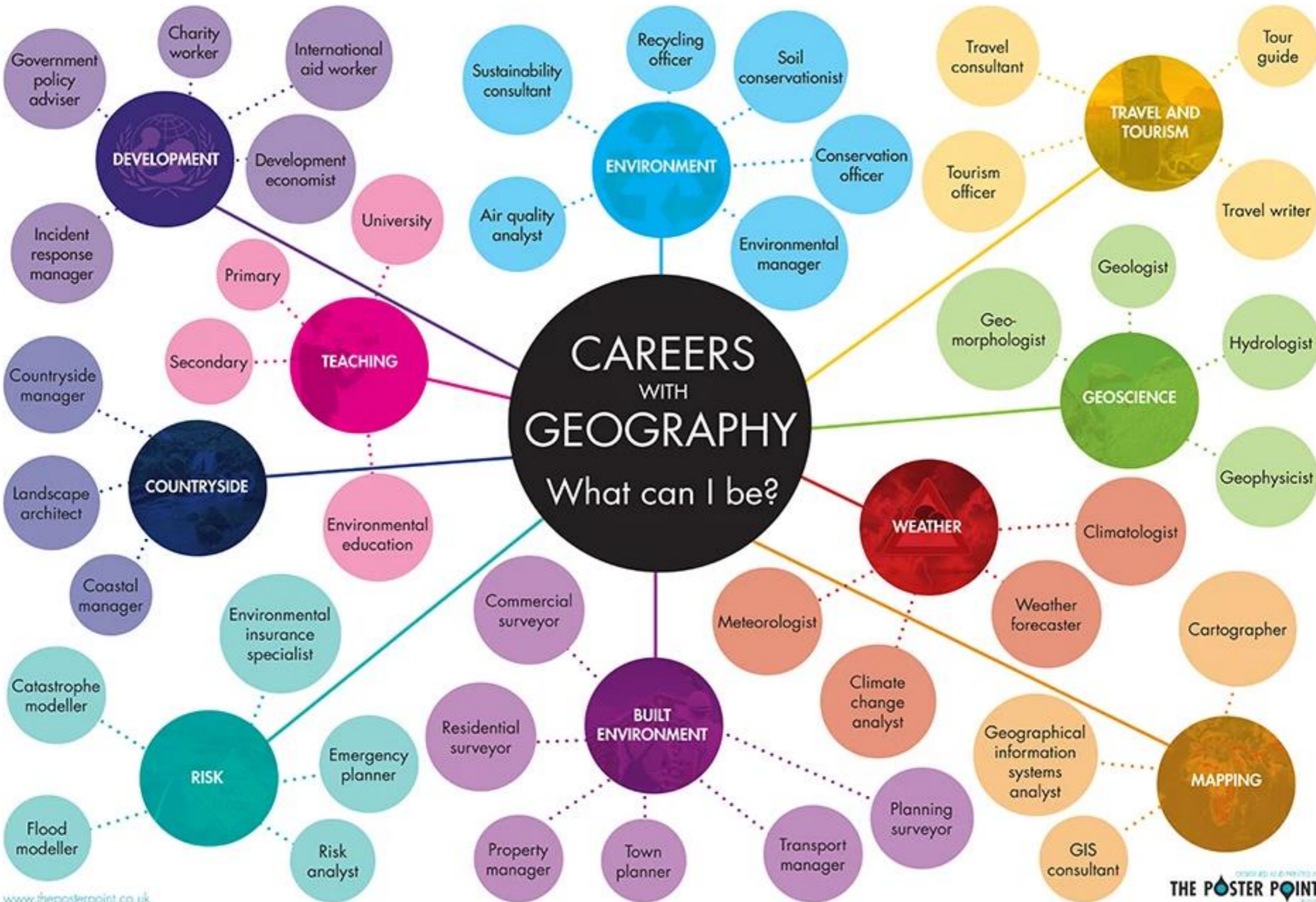
## Year 2

- ▶ **Water and Carbon**—This topic focuses on life on Earth and the importance of the dynamic, cyclical relationship of water and carbon
- ▶ **Global Systems and Global Governance**—you will study the economic, social and political changes associated with globalisation and the interdependence between people, states and environments
- ▶ **Ecosystems Under Stress** - This topic explores a range of ecosystems around the world, including coral reefs and the threats they face in today's world
- ▶ **Independent investigation**—this is an important part of the A Level course and is worth 20% of your final grade. You will choose an area of geography you wish to research. You will plan and carry out fieldwork and write up your research as an investigation



# CAREERS WITH GEOGRAPHY

What can I be?



# Entry Criteria

- ▶ Grade 6 in GCSE Geography
- ▶ Grade 6 in GCSE English



# Fieldwork and trips

- ▶ Fieldwork data collection in Yorkshire - Glacial Landscapes, Changing Places, Water and Carbon
- ▶ Trip to Iceland



*“Geography explains the past,  
illuminates the present and  
prepares us for the future.  
What could be more important  
than that?”*

Michael Palin