

A Level Geography

The Course

If you have studied Geography before then you will find that the knowledge and the skills you have learned will prove a valuable foundation for further studies at this level. Even if you have not studied this subject before, the course is just as accessible. What is important is that you should have a lively and enquiring mind, an interest in the environment and current affairs, a willingness to explore new ideas and an ability to communicate your ideas effectively.

Content

You will study in depth units on Coastal Landscapes, Hazards, Changing Places and Global Systems and Global Governance; examples and case studies will be drawn from local, national and international scales. Geographical skills form a large part of the course and you will learn and apply a large range of cartographical, graphical and statistical including ICT.

Fieldwork is an important element of the course and there be opportunities to study in the field for a total of four days. In Year 13 you will study, in depth, Population and the Environment and Water and the Carbon Cycle. You will use geographical skills to write an in depth Geographical Investigation coursework based on an aspect of Geography you are interested in which will help you become an independent thinker and learner. This will continue as you learn how to write essays that discuss and evaluate the issues all units.

Assessment

80% examined, 20% coursework.

Subject entry requirements

GCSE Geography grade 5 or above as a minimum if taken, or GCSE English Literature at grade 6 or above if not taken.

Pathways/Careers

Students go on to successfully study or work in many fields, including:

Environmental
Town Planning
Construction
Social Work
Tourism
Teaching

Engineering
Architecture
Property Law
Surveying
Advertising
Forestry

Environmental Consultancy
Coastal Engineering
Marketing
Cartography
Travel Writing
Hydrology