

A Level Geography

Why study Geography at A Level?

If you have studied geography before then you will find that the knowledge and the skills you have learnt will prove a valuable foundation for further study.

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.

What will I study?

In Year 12 you will study in depth topics including: coastal landscapes; hazards, changing places and global systems and global governance. Examples and case studies will be drawn from local, national and international scales.

In Year 13 you will study: 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.

Assessment

80% examined, 20% coursework.

Paper 1: Physical Geography exam - a mixture of knowledge, data response and application questions together with three essay questions.

Paper 2: Human Geography exam - a mixture of knowledge, data response and application questions together with three essay questions.

Paper 3: Non-examined element. Individual geography investigation 3,000-4,000 words.

Study trips, visits and events

You will have the opportunity to attend a 3-day residential field study course at one of the nationally recognised field study council sites in the UK. This year's students will be visiting Slapton Ley in Devon where they will undertake a range of physical and human geography fieldwork days on the Devon coast and surrounding villages.

You will also carry out fieldwork investigations at Chesil Beach and Weymouth.

You also have the opportunity to attend lectures on key areas of the course in Bath and subscribe to the quarterly *Geography Review* magazine.

Iceland - once every two years we run a 4 day trip to Iceland where you have the opportunity to experience Iceland's unique and spectacular natural landscapes including volcanoes, glaciers and waterfalls. The next trip is planned for February 2021.

Subject entry requirements

6 in Geography if taken, or 6 in English Literature if not taken.