



Geography

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Why Study Geography?

Geography inspires students to become global citizens by exploring their own place in the world, their values and responsibilities to other people, to the environment and to the sustainability of the planet. Geography students are highly employable across a wide range of careers due to the nature of content covered and skills developed.



Course Content and Assessment

The A Level course aims to excite students' minds, challenge perceptions and stimulate investigative and analytical skills. It comprises three units:

- Component 1 – Physical Geography (Exam - 40%).
 - Water and carbon cycles, Coastal systems, Hazards.
- Component 2 – Human Geography (Exam - 40%).
 - Global systems and global governance, Changing places, Urban environments.
- Component 3 – Geographical investigation (Maximum 4,000 word investigation - 20%).
 - An individual investigation based on data collected in the field. Should be based on a question or issues relating to any of the topics covered in component 1 or 2 above.

Students are required to complete four days of fieldwork during the A Level course, focusing on human and physical issues. In previous years, students have visited the East Coast, the Yorkshire Dales, Leeds and York. It is our intention to offer students a UK-based residential opportunity.

Progression Routes

Geography is an academic and highly valued subject providing an excellent bridge between science and arts degree courses, helping equip students with a broad knowledge base and key skills in literacy, data handling, decision-making, research, analysis and evaluation. Such skills are all vital to success in a wide range of careers including law, journalism, the civil service, environmental science, green energy, town planning and surveying (to mention just a few!), but also to other progression routes such as apprenticeships and entering directly into the world of work. Geography A Level and degree students remain highly employable in all sectors due to the range of skills, knowledge and global awareness that make up the fabric of this dynamic, challenging yet enjoyable course.

Entry Requirements

In order to cope with the demands of the course, students should have gained at least grade 5 in Geography at GCSE and preferably a grade 6. It is also possible for able students who have not studied GCSE Geography to take this option, though given the academic nature of the course we would expect students to have at least grade 5 in Mathematics and English and be genuinely interested in the subject.