

Geography



Why study A Level Geography?

Studying A Level Geography is a must for students who want to make sense of the world they live in and gain a well-respected qualification that opens up a multitude of options for the future.

Students will learn about the global issues that affect our world in the 21st Century. Students will learn and understand how places, environments and issues can change and how we respond to this.

Learning is enhanced with a wide variety of teaching styles. You will be encouraged to take an active learning role, in response to stimulating new challenges aimed at discovering your full potential.

We currently run a three-day residential to prepare students in Year 12 for their coursework element. Fieldwork skills are developed during our stay, which are tested in the two examinations at the end of Year 13.

What new skills will I learn?



A Level Geographers develop and enhance key skills that are transferable to other areas of study including:

- discussion and debate by exploring issues of global significance;
- working in the field as well as in the classroom independently or as a team;
- ICT also plays a major role in this course.

Career routes with Geography

Achieving A Level in Geography will help do pretty much whatever you like.

Whether you are wishing to go on to higher education courses or the employment market, it is a highly regarded qualification. It's a win, win situation!



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Course Outline

The following areas will be explored:

Physical topics:

- water and carbon cycles - looking at carbon and water flows within our planet;
- coasts - processes and their associated landforms and the costs and benefits of defences;
- hazards - earthquakes, volcanoes, wild fires and tropical storms; their cause, impact and management.

Human topics:

- global systems and global governance - how people interact in differing economies throughout the world;
- changing places - how areas are dynamic; reasons and impacts of these changes;
- urban environments - an examination of or cities in distinct areas of the world.

Fieldwork

A three-day residential looking at the impact of coastal defences, micro-climates, urban environments and preparation for coursework.

Lead Teacher: Mr J Campbell

Sixth Form entry requirements:

Students must have a minimum of at least **five** GCSEs at 9 - 4 grades (or equivalent). These must include a grade 4 in English Language and Mathematics.

Additional requirements:

GCSE grade 5 or above in English Language, Mathematics and Geography.

Exam Board: AQA

Assessment:

A Level:

Paper 1.

Physical Geography. 2 hours, 30 minutes.
Worth 40% of total marks.

Paper 2.

Human Geography. 2 hours, 30 minutes.
Worth 40% of total marks.

Coursework submission.

Worth 20% of total marks.