

A Level Geography

What is Geography?

Geography is a rigorous academic subject focussed on the issues, both human and physical, in the world around us.

Why study Geography?

Geography is a diverse and engaging subject that covers issues relevant to our world today. It's fun, current and gets you out of the classroom and into your wellies!! On a more serious note, it is a Russell Group facilitating subject, an increasingly popular University degree subject and a useful link between the Humanities and Sciences.

What makes a successful Geography student?

A successful student will be willing to work hard, conduct independent research, meet deadlines and develop:

- an appreciation of the diversity and complexity of the world we live in.
- practical and technical skills relevant to fieldwork, analysis and essay writing.

To study this course, what qualifications will I need and in which subjects?

Grade 5 or above in GCSE Geography and Grade 4 in English Language, minimum of Grade 5 in GCSE Maths.

What is the structure of the course?

A Level Topics
Unit 1 Physical Geography Section A - Tectonic Processes and Hazards Section B- Landscape Systems, Processes and Change: Coastal Landscapes and Change Section C - The Water Cycle and Carbon Cycle.
Assessment – examination 2hr 15 min Percentage of overall A Level qualification 30%
Unit 2 Human Geography Section A – Superpowers Section B – Global Development and Connections: Migration, Identity and Sovereignty.
Assessment – examination 2hr 15 min. Percentage of overall A Level qualification – 30%
Paper 3 – A paper exploring synoptic themes from within the course, based around themes of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Players ● Attitudes and actions ● Futures and uncertainties.
Assessment – examination 2hr 15 min. Percentage of overall A Level qualification – 20%
Coursework: Independent Investigation. A 3000-4000 word individual investigation including data collected in the field, relating to any part of the specification content and moderated by Edexcel. Percentage of overall A Level qualification – 20%

* All students taking A Level Geography **must** complete a residential fieldwork session organised by HHS within the UK.

What opportunities are there for me to study beyond the classroom?

At an independent level we encourage all students to read widely and to keep abreast of issues and events relevant to the course. At a group level, we offer revision sessions. We also have a wide library of relevant literature for the most enthusiastic to extend their knowledge beyond the requirements of the course in areas they are interested in.

What kind of career does this subject/qualification prepare me for?

Geography provides you with a set of skills, abilities and knowledge to underpin a good career in the modern and changing world.