



Student Achievement 2016

Pass rate: 97% • A*-C Grades: 82%

Geography is one of the most cutting edge subjects available for study. This course will give you an understanding of some of the key issues that humanity faces. You will study a range of both human and physical units, focusing on both traditional and contemporary geographical issues. You will gain a deeper understanding of local and global issues and enhance your analytical skills. You will also develop your investigative skills and have the opportunity to participate in a number of day visits and residential field trips.

Level: Level 3

Specific Course Entry Requirements:

College entry to include Mathematics grade 5. You do not need to have studied Geography at GCSE. However, if you have studied GCSE Geography we would expect you to have obtained at least a Grade C (please refer to the Entry Requirements section page 24 for further details).

Exam Board: Edexcel

What will I study?

During your first year, you will study a range of human and physical geographies. We will look at the Carbon and Water Cycles and how humans influence these, studying areas from local river systems to the Amazon Rainforest. We also study globalisation, assessing the ethical and moral consequences of our shrinking world and analysing the role large businesses like Apple have on the people of the developing world. We also research the idea of 'place', what it means to people and how places change over time, such as tourist resorts and megacities like London.

In the second year, you will begin by completing your coursework. You will have a choice to focus on either a human related topic, such as global culture, or a more physical option such as flood risk. We will also study Global Hazards, discussing the impact of earthquakes, hurricanes and other natural events, as well as how we manage them. We will also study contemporary

Energy geography, researching the trade in fossil fuels and the growth of renewables and their impact on energy security.

Fieldtrips are a mandatory part of the Geography course and your coursework will require your participation in a minimum of four days of out of college activities. There is also the opportunity for visits which will aid classroom learning and past excursions have included California, Barcelona and Amsterdam as well as trips closer to home such as Manchester and Blackpool.

How will I be assessed?

80% examination
20% coursework

Where will this course lead me?

Geography graduates are highly sought and have the lowest rate of unemployment of any graduate (Times Education 2013). Geography students learn a range of skills including essay writing, presentation, IT use and scientific analysis. Many students go on to university to study Geography or similar subjects, such as Environmental Science, Geology, Zoology or Marine Biology. Due to the wide range of skills gained, graduates go on to various careers including Engineering, Insurance, Marketing, Travel & Tourism, Politics, Teaching and Environmental Management.

What support will I receive?

At the start of each topic, you will receive revision booklets. These outline the compulsory content as well as key words and case studies which should be referred to. We run regular revision sessions and offer one to one support for any student who requires it.

What is the department like?

We are a friendly department who are approachable and have an open door policy. There are two Geography teachers and students can seek support from both, not just their specific teacher. We are a close knit group which is helped by the many field trips on offer.

Enrichment opportunities

Field work is vital to Geography. We run many regional visits, to places such as Blackpool and Manchester. We also had past visits to California and Barcelona. There are also opportunities to help run Environmental Clubs and assist in the college becoming more eco-friendly.

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