

A LEVEL GEOGRAPHY

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.

Specific course entry requirements

College entry requirements

How will I be assessed?

- 80% examination
- 20% coursework

What will I study?

During your first year you will study a range of human and physical geographies. We will look at the theory of plate tectonics and challenges presented by natural hazards such as earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and tsunamis to humanity, and the measures that can be taken to attempt to overcome them.

We also study globalisation, assessing the social, economic, political, and environmental consequences of our shrinking world and analysing the impact that large businesses such as Amazon have on people in both the developed and developing world.

We also investigate the importance of our coastlines, examining the geographical processes that have worked to shape these ever-changing landscapes and the strategies used by humans in their management.

We also research the idea of 'place,' considering the factors that have shaped them over time, as well as the reasons for the inequalities that can exist between them and how regeneration has been used to try and address them.

In the second year you will begin by completing your coursework. You will have a choice to focus on either a human or physical area of study that is related to one of the topics that we study as part of the A-level course.

We will study both the carbon and water cycles and the impact that human activities are having upon these systems and the critical implications that climate change will have upon our species and planet.

We will study aspects of geo-politics, including the role of existing and emerging superpowers in shaping international relations, as well as how the global community and institutions such as the UN intervene in humanitarian and human rights-based issues with varying degrees of success.

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.