



Geography

Course Information

Geography, an exciting and ever changing subject. Whether it is earthquakes and volcanoes explosively changing people's lives in a matter of moments, changing weather and climate demanding a shift in the way people live for the future, wars over water, fuel or food which impact even us in the UK, or looking at which countries might be overpopulated for the future, Geography is a subject which speaks to almost every part of life.

The A level Geography course therefore is designed to stimulate and challenge, causing students to enquire about the way the world operates and the relationship humans have with the environment.

The course studies up-to-date events and processes, enabling students to develop analysis and decision-making



Course Content

A level Geography offers a natural progression from GCSE.

This engaging and flexible course gives students the opportunity to:

- engage with the relationship of human populations to each other over space and time
- study the relationship between human populations with their physical environment at a variety of scales from the local to the global
- consider their own role in relation to themes and issues being studied and the roles, values and attitudes of others including decision makers

An **independent project** will also be undertaken, enabling students to investigate an area of geography that they find interesting, whilst gathering data to analyse, evaluate, and write into a structured report. Teacher guidance will be given.

Included within the course will be a **residential fieldwork trip**. The cost of the trip will need to be met, although subsidies are available in some circumstances. Also depending on numbers further fieldwork day trips may be organised locally. These will allow students to collect data about both physical and human geographical concepts to use in class and to learn geographical fieldwork techniques and skills which can be used within the independent project.

Entry Requirements

A level students must achieve 5 A*-C grades at GCSE, including a minimum B grade in Geography and a grade 5 in English and Maths.

Future Opportunities

Geography is a unique subject which offers you the opportunity to develop and study a wide range of diverse topics and skills. It is a course that is widely respected by many subjects in **higher education** and by **future employers** that gives students the required skills to succeed in the future.

As it concerns a range of topics about people and the planet as a whole, often higher education subjects related to law, psychology, sociology, economics, business studies, chemistry, biology, and many other subjects will look favourably on students who have studied Geography at A level.

More valuable perhaps are the wide range of useful transferable skills that will be gained such as: communication skills, graphical skills, mapping skills, interpretation skills, investigation and analysing skills, and appreciation of different people, cultures and places.

Specific subjects that can be studied at university if you have Geography A level:

Geography, Human Geography, Physical Geography, Geology, Environmental Science, Environmental Earth Science, Oceanography, Marine Biology, Zoology, Biology, Chemistry, Ecology, Meteorology, GIS (Geographical Information Systems IT based), Architecture, Engineering, Town Planning, Flood Management, Cartography, Hazard management, Business Studies, Economics, Accountancy, Education/Teaching, Business Management, Event Management.



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