

Why study Geography?

The Geography department have a shared aim to create students who think individually and are able to justify their ideas or opinions. All skills that make you very attractive to future employers. Students will hone these skills through:

- Studying contemporary issues
- Studying in a well-resourced department
- Learning through a variety of teaching styles
- The opportunity for fieldwork

What skills are required?

Students studying Geography are required to be inquisitive about the world around them, possessing the ability to ask geographical questions and a desire to investigate real world issues to find the answers. A-level Geography demands the ability to process large amounts of information analysing it forming conclusions and evaluating the reliability of the information. Good written communication skills will be valuable and a good grasp of the skills developed at GCSE Mathematics. The ability to work independently, researching and finding answers to geographical problems is extremely important.

Course Content

The course contains a variety of human and physical geography themes. These are:

Dynamic Landscapes:

- Tectonic Processes and Hazards
- Coastal Landscape processes systems and change.

Places:

- Globalisation
- Shaping Places – Diverse Places

Physical Systems and Sustainability:

- Water Cycle and Water Insecurity
- Carbon Cycle and Energy Insecurity
- Climate Change Futures

Human Systems and Geopolitics:

- Superpowers
- Global Development – Migration, Identity and Sovereignty

How it will be assessed:

Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 3	Unit 4
Physical Geography	Human Geography	Geographical Issues	NEA
2:15 Hours 30%	2:15 Hours 30%	2:15 Hours 20% Based on a booklet	Student independent fieldwork and research project – Internally Assessed/ Externally Moderated 20%

Progression

There are lots of possible options! Geography students and graduates are some of the most employable in the jobs market. Geography is considered a facilitating A-Level and is looked upon favourably by universities and employers alike because of the excellent range of skills it helps develop in students.

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