

**SUBJECT:** Geography

**YEAR:** 12 and 13

**HEAD OF DEPARTMENT:** Mr McCarthy

**GROUPING POLICY:** Option Groups - Mixed

**EXAM BOARD:** AQA

**SPECIFICATION LINK:** <https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/geography/specifications/AQA-7037-SP-2016.PDF>

### **COURSE CONTENT:**

#### **What will students learn?**

This A level course has been chosen as it builds on the blocks taught to students in KS3 and KS4. Rednock only offers the two year course, allowing students to develop a broad range of knowledge and skills over a prolonged period, including the NEA which inculcates strong independent fieldwork and report-writing abilities. Many of the options chosen complement those taken at GCSE, so that Geography students leave Rednock with the widest geographic grounding we can provide. At the same time it deepens knowledge of firm favourites such as natural hazard management and the challenges of urban planning. Units such as Changing Places ties in with psychology and sociology, two subjects that have previously been popular amongst Rednock students, water, carbon and deserts have strong ties with the sciences, again popular among Rednock students who take Geography. It is hoped that the course chosen can be studied as a popular first choice subject and that it also provides that bridge between the Arts and the Sciences.

- **Physical Geography;** Water and carbon cycles, hot deserts/coastal landscapes/glacial environments, hazards or ecosystems.
- **Human Geography;** Global systems and governance, Changing Places, Contemporary urban environments/Population and the Environment/Resource Security.
- **Geographical skills and research.**

#### **What will homework look like?**

Various tasks such as set reading tasks, essay-style exam responses, extra personal reading and research, collaborative work.

#### **What enrichment opportunities are available?**

- Year 12/13 field week – 4 mandatory days of fieldwork leading to individual project write-ups
- Guest speakers
- Conferences
- Independent research

### **ASSESSMENT**

#### **How will my child's work be assessed?**

There will be two written exams in the summer of Year 13:

- Physical Geography = 40%

- Human Geography = 40%

Each student must also complete an individual investigation of between 3000-4000 words into a relevant issue, worth 20%.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

#### **How can I support my child in this subject?**

- Encourage extra reading around topics
- Discuss learning
- Mandatory 4 days of fieldwork, current cost approximately £320.00
- Ensure attendance in lessons at school

#### **How can I support my child with exams?**

- Revision techniques and timetabling