

Geography

A Level



What will I learn?

You will study A Level Geography through the AQA course, covering six modules along with an NEA, or piece of coursework in student speak! Topics you will cover are split into Human and Physical Geography, although the best students will appreciate that the two areas are interdependent of each other. Topics will include Hazard Management, Water and Carbon Cycles, Hot Deserts, Global Systems and Governance, Contemporary Urban Environments and Changing Places.

How will I learn?

The course develops a wide range of skills, building on those learnt at GCSE. Students will be expected to read textbooks, articles, newspapers, blogs and other forms of social media. Videos, TedTalks, slideshows and other visual stimuli will be used. Resources are built up on the subject google classroom, with extra articles and suggestions for independent work regularly added. Geography classes involve lots of discussion - students need to bring ideas and knowledge of the real world to the classroom and by doing so bring the lessons to life! Conversely, classroom theory will also be examined in the outdoor classroom; local fieldwork activities alongside opportunities for more distant research are being developed, including a UK- based residential trip.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment involves written papers in both Human and Physical Geography which last 2 ½ hrs each, both taken at the end of the two year course. The NEA (non-examined assessment), or coursework, is completed during Yr13 and is an investigation completely of the student's own choosing which must be linked to a concept they have studied during the course. During the year students are assessed in a number of ways including practice exam questions, group presentations, individual research projects and team tasks.

FAQs.

Is there a field trip?

Currently students enjoy several days out over the two years conducting local and regional fieldwork. There may also be a residential trip in the UK which will develop skills needed for the NEA as well as provide different learning opportunities and skills.

What kind of student is this course suitable for?

You should have an enquiring mind, being inquisitive about places, whether in the local area, the UK or beyond.

Students who enjoy discussion, who have different opinions, who enjoy finding out and remembering facts and figures, who want to know more about the world they live in and the opportunities that are out there will really excel in Geography!

Exam Board

AQA

Skills Gained

Data Analysis
Report writing
Synthesis of
information
Statistical
techniques
Debating
Team Work
Fieldwork
Research
Presentation
Map interpretation

Careers

International
Development
Tourism
Journalism
Economics
Teaching