

A-Level Geography

COURSE OUTLINE

Do you have an interest in and concern for the world that we live in? Are you interested in current affairs and geographical issues? Do you enjoy finding out the answers - not just being taught? Then geography is the subject for you! Whilst new units have been added to reflect the world today, you'll see there are many of the topics you enjoy, including hazards, coasts and population. A key area for study is the interaction between people and the environment and the issue of sustainability. Students will deepen their subject knowledge through the study of specific case studies and will develop their skills of enquiry through a range of fieldwork activities.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students who wish to study Geography at A-Level are required to have a Grade 4 in both GCSE Maths and English and have a GCSE Grade 5 in Geography and a GCSE Grade 4 in Science.

COURSE CONTENT & ASSESSMENT

The course comprises of 2 units (1 and 2) studied in year 12 and 2 units studied in year 13 (3 and 4).

Unit 1: Physical Geography

Water and carbon cycles, desert environments, coastal systems, Hazards, ecosystems and cold environments.

Unit 2: Human Geography

Global systems, changing places, resource security, population and the environment and urban environments.

Unit 3: Geography Investigation

Including fieldwork and a write up of the investigation (a piece of coursework).

Unit 4: Geographical Skills

Developing competence in geographical skills and analysing data. This unit consists of practical fieldwork assignments leading to a geographical skills exam.

PROGRESSION

Studies have shown that Geographers leaving university are amongst the most employable of any graduates. This is because Geography equips them with transferable skills for the complex world of employment today. According to The Guardian (2015), 'Geography is a subject for our times'. Many employers and admissions tutors for higher education value the skills which A-Level geographers acquire and students are usually able to choose from a wide range of jobs or college and university courses.

A-Level geography is widely accepted as an academic subject in its own right or as a supporting subject for Arts or Science courses.