

A level

# Geography

A level Geography will cover both the physical and human environments and the complex interaction of processes that shape our world. It will also, importantly, show the applied side of the subject - how human intervention affects the environment and how people adapt and mitigate the effects of processes on their environment. This is complex and dynamic and varies from place to place depending on people's resources, technology and culture.

## Entry requirements

- Grade 6 in GCSE Geography (if taken)
- Grade 6 in GCSE English Language
- Grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics

## Course breakdown

In Year 12 students will study a range of topics including:

- Water and the carbon cycle
- Climate and life on earth
- Tropical rainforests
- Coastal systems
- Changing places
- Connections to places
- People and the environment

In Year 13 students build on their First year of study exploring more advanced topics including:

- People and the environment
- Storm hazards
- Urbanisation
- Geographical skills

In addition, you will complete a 3000-4000 word fieldwork investigation as an opportunity to showcase the investigative, qualitative and quantitative skills that you have developed over the course.

## How will the course be assessed?

Although you will not be entered for a formal examination at the end of Year 12, you can expect to undertake a number of interim assessments so that you can keep track of your progress and your teacher can identify your strengths and those areas in which you might require further support and guidance. In addition to these ongoing assessments you will also have formal internal examinations where your performance will be used to consider suitability for progression into Year 13 and predicted grades for UCAS or other applications.

At the end of Year 13 you will be entered for the A level in Geography. This will assess the content and skills covered in both years of study.

- Paper 1 – Water and Carbon cycles, Coasts and Hazards – 2.5 hours – 40% of A level
- Paper 2 – Global Systems, Changing Places and Population – 2.5 hours – 40% of A level
- Internally assessed coursework on a Field Investigation – 20% of A level

## Where can the course lead?

Geography is highly valued by universities as an A level choice, as it combines well with both arts and science subjects. You may already be thinking ahead to potential university and career choices so it is worth bearing in mind that geography is a broad based subject that really fits well for your future progression. For example, for careers in sustainability and green issues, urban regeneration, energy supply, retail location, managing the effects of hazards and climate change geography is an obvious choice.

