

GEOGRAPHY



What will I study?

This A Level course leads on naturally from the GCSE course, with a very up to date format that focuses on important current issues found on local, national, and global scales.

There are four units for the A Level qualification.

Component 1: Changing Landscapes and Changing Places.

- Coastal landscapes (including coastal fieldwork)
- Changing places (including urban fieldwork)

Component 2: Global Systems and Global Governance.

- Water and Carbon Cycles, Processes and Patterns of Global Migration and Global Governance of the Earth's oceans.

Component 3: Contemporary Themes in Geography.

- Tectonic Hazards, Ecosystems and Development in an African Context

Component 4: Independent Investigation.

- One written independent investigation, based on the planning, collection of both primary and secondary information, presentation, analysis, conclusion and evaluation of a geographical enquiry.

Entry Requirements

Five Level 4 GCSEs are required for entry into 6th Form.

Level 5 pass is required in your chosen, or related, subject.

Some subjects require Level 6; decisions will be based on individual students.

Specialist facilities

Fully resourced dedicated classrooms. we attempt to provide at least one overseas field trip.

Hours of study (fortnightly)

9 hours of lesson time

6 hours independent learning

Assessment

Component 1: Changing Landscapes and Changing Places: *Written examination: 1 hour 45 minutes 20.5% of qualification*

Component 2: Global systems and global governance: *Written examination: 2 hours 27.5% of qualification*

Component 3: Contemporary Themes in Geography *Written examination: 2 hours 15 minutes 32% of qualification*

Component 4: Independent Investigation: *Non-exam assessment: 3000 to 4000 words 20% of qualification. Teacher assessed and moderated by Eduqas*

Career Opportunities

Geography has always been a popular subject for study at A Level and it is equally favoured as a subject for study in Higher Education.

Clearly, if students intend to follow a college course in this subject area, A Level Geography is most important. At degree level other courses that welcome the qualification include Politics, Social Studies, Economics and Business Studies, Geology and Environmental Sciences.

Geography students tend to have a broad and very contemporary range of skills and learning to offer employers. Town planning, Cartography, Surveying, Accountancy, Journalism, Banking, Insurance and Teaching all receive geographers.

