

Subject: Geography

Level: A Level

Entry Requirements

GCSE Geography - grade 5

GCSE Maths and English - grade 4

If a student does not meet these requirements then they may still be accepted but this must be discussed with Mr Breese and Mrs Millen.

Why Pick Geography?

Everything is Geography! As an A Level Geographer you will learn about the people and world around you; this makes Geography a fantastic subject and will increase your awareness of the features, processes and challenges that people and the world face. Not only is Geography incredibly interesting and rewarding to study in itself, Geographers learn new skills such as being able to understand and explain processes, the ability to analyse data and information, considering the wider consequences and effects of ideas/events and problem solving.

Course Outline (Exam Board: OCR)

The course is taught over 2 years and is assessed by 3 exams at the end of year 13 and one coursework element due at the end of year 13. You can find more about this on the OCR website.

What will I learn on this course?

This course will enable you to:

- Structure a line of enquiry to arrive at a logical conclusion;
- Evaluate data and identify patterns;
- Research a wide range of topics using a variety of resources;
- Prioritise courses of action, to tackle a range of problems;
- To use ICT to enhance and analyse work.

Who would be a successful student of Geography?

This course will appeal to students who:

- Like practical investigations;
- Have an enquiring mind and inquisitive nature;
- Have original ideas about how to tackle a range of problems;
- Are interested in the world around them (social, economic, political and environmentally);
- Are able to demonstrate an empathy with people from different backgrounds;
- Like discussing different themes or issues;
- Enjoy thinking about, and being faced with problems;
- Like the approach of different styles to study a topic.

Fieldwork

Students are required to complete 4 days of fieldwork for the A-Level course; students have visited London and been on a residential trip to the South Downs to complete this and the plan is to have similar visits next year. The cost of the visit last year was around £250 and we expect it to be approximately the same next year. Financial assistance may be offered by the school or payment plans set up as the visit usually takes place in October of Year 12.

Career Opportunities

Geographical skills are valued by a wide range of employers because they train people to approach problems with an open mind. In particular, a qualification in Geography would be valued in management, leisure and recreation, environmental management and any work involving social skills. Geographers learn to work as part of a team as well as to develop individual strengths. As a result, Geographers have one of the best employment records of all graduates at University level. According to the UK's Higher Education Statistics Agency (Hesa), geography graduates are among the least likely to be unemployed with 90% being employed or in further study after 6 months of graduating.

Course Structure

A Level

Unit 1 – (22% of A Level) Physical Systems.

Section A – Landscape Systems

Section B – Earth's Life Support Systems

Unit 2 – (22% of A Level) Human Interactions

Section A – Changing Spaces; Making Places

Section B – Global Connections

Unit 3 - (36% of A Level) Geographical Debates

2 options from:

Climate Change

Disease Dilemmas

Exploring Oceans

Future of Food

Hazardous Earth

Unit 4 – (20% of A level) Geographical Investigation

Students complete an individual investigation which must include data collected in the field. The individual investigation must be based on a question or issue defined and developed by the student relating to any part of the specification content.

For further information about this course, please see **Mr Breese / Mrs Millen**