



Course Requirements

GCSE Geography - Grade 5 (if studied) and GCSE English Language or GCSE English Literature – Grade 4

Syllabus

AQA

Who to Contact

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Overview

There has never been a better time to study Geography! This is a topical and up to date course in which you learn about the Earth's peoples, environments and societies. It helps you to gain a deeper understanding of an increasingly changing world and develop a practical academic skills base. Geography is unique in combining the social sciences (Human Geography) and the earth sciences (Physical Geography). Geography puts this understanding within the context of real locations.

The world in which we live is clearly changing more dramatically and rapidly than ever. Our responsibility and role in that change is therefore more important. Geography explains the changes and helps to prepare people for what may lie ahead. It is a subject about now and the future.

Geography gives a balanced viewpoint which is good preparation for the world of work. Employers welcome people with the following attributes: Good communication skills, ability to work in a team, numeracy and literacy, problem solving, spatial awareness, environmental and social awareness. Geography provides them all!

Skills

Geography is the ultimate option subject. It is diverse yet rigorous and academic whilst also developing valuable practical skills. It is respected by universities and employers as a good measure of applied skill and knowledge. A Level geographers often opt to continue studies at University or specialise further e.g. Urban planning/ Earth sciences.

A Level

This qualification is a two year linear course. Linear means that students will sit all their exams and submit all their non-exam assessment at the end of the course.

Component 1: Physical geography

- Water and carbon cycles, Coastal systems and landscapes and Hazards.
- Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes (40% of A-level)

Component 2: Human geography

- Global systems and global governance, Changing places and Contemporary urban environments.
- Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes (40% of A-level)

Component 3: Geographical investigation

- You will be asked to complete an individual investigation (3000 – 4000 words) which will be based on a question or issue developed by you and data that you collect in the field. (20% of A-level).
- Fieldwork skills will be developed and data collected through a residential field studies trip.