

Course Outline

Geography teaches you about the earth's places, people, environments and societies. It helps you to understand the relationships between people and the environment. It is unique in bridging the social sciences (Human Geography) and the earth sciences (Physical Geography) and puts this understanding of social and physical processes within the context of places and regions. Geography helps you to make sense of the world around you. It is hands on, and it is relevant. To appreciate its relevance, watch the news and you will realise that nearly every issue is related to Geography in some way. From migration issues, to Brexit, the spread of Coronavirus and even the energy that runs our phones and technology.

The world in which we live is likely to change more in the next 50 years than it has ever done before. Our role in that change is more important than ever. Geography explains the changes and helps to prepare people for them. It is a subject about now and the future.

Content

Unit 1 - Living with the physical environment

Section A: The challenges of natural hazards
Section B: The living world
Section C: Physical landscapes in the UK

Unit 2 - Challenges in the human environment

Section A - Urban issues and challenges
Section B - The changing economic world
Section C - The challenges of resource management

Unit 3 – Geographical Applications and skills

Issue evaluation
Fieldwork (*this unit involves a field trip*)

Assessment

Students will sit three examination papers that will cover each of the three units.

Paper 1 - One hour 30 minutes
Accounts for 35% of the final grade

Paper 2 - One hour 30 minutes
Accounts for 35% of the final grade

Paper 3 - One hour 15 minutes
Accounts for 30% of the final grade

Progression/further study

A-Level (see college prospectus or website for GCSE grade requirements). Geography is a highly regarded academic subject and well respected by universities and employers alike. Known as a 'facilitating subject' for many universities it can open the door to a varied number of degrees and career paths.