

Geography

Exam board: AQA

Entry requirements:

GCSE Level 6 or above in Geography

Level 6 is also recommended in English and Science.

Course content:

- *Water and the Carbon Cycle*
- *Coastal Environments*
- *Ecosystems under Stress*
- *Global Systems and Global Governance*
- *Changing Places*
- *Population and the Environment*
- *NEA (Non-Examined Assessment):* you are required to undertake a 20% independent investigation which must incorporate a fieldwork element (there will be the opportunity to complete 3 days of primary/secondary fieldwork). This can be based on any human or physical aspect of Geography, or a combination of both, and may incorporate field data from an individual or group based sample. You will contextualise, analyse and evaluate your work to produce an NEA that demonstrates required fieldwork knowledge, skills and understanding. Time allotted in school/at home is provided for this.



Assessment

Component 1: Physical Geography – 40% of the A Level – written exam

Water and carbon cycles, coastal systems and landscapes and ecosystems

Component 2: Human Geography – 40% of the A Level – written exam

Global systems and global governance, changing places and population and the environment

Component 3: Geography fieldwork investigation: Non-Examined Assessment (NEA) – worth 20%

Why choose Geography:

Geography is all around us every day and everywhere and to be a good global citizen you will need to develop your understanding of the world we live in. Geography is a unique subject because it looks at both the physical structure of the planet and the social structure (i.e. how we affect our environment and how it affects us) in the past, present and future. Employers love the mix of technical and social skills people get from studying geography, which they see as very transferable. Geography A-level is also a facilitating subject, which means that it can be useful for a whole range of university courses and will help you keep your options open. Geography is great for any kind of career that involves the environment, planning, or collecting and interpreting data such as town or transport planning, surveying, conservation, sustainability, waste and water management, environmental planning, tourism, and weather forecasting. The army, police, government, research organisations, law and business world also love the practical research skills that geographers develop and because geographers learn about human and population development, geography can be useful for jobs in charity and international relations too.

Skills and progression:

During the A Level course you will investigate how the planet influences people and how we also influence on the planet. We visit local places to help inform our understanding of coasts, ecosystems and changing places alongside London as our distant place. We also encourage visits to local Kent areas for our fieldwork investigations, based on primary data, such as Camber sands, Kent coastal areas and Folkestone for regeneration. Geography will help you develop your communication both written and oral alongside teamwork skills, enabling you to develop your skills of research, data gathering and evaluation whilst affording you the opportunity to explore concepts and areas of your choice to broaden your geographical understanding and knowledge