



A Level Geography

Why study Geography?

Geography is all around us. It is about the world in which we live and there has never been a more important time to study how and why our world is changing.

This diverse subject provides the opportunity to learn about these changes which continually affect us and our surroundings.

Entry Requirements

A grade 5 in GCSE Geography is required.

Exam Board

CAIE

Course Content

A Level Geography covers both the physical and human environments of the world in which we live. Throughout the course you will study the following Physical Geography topics: Atmosphere and Weather; Rivers; Rocks and Weathering; Coasts; Hazardous Environments. You will also study the following Human Geography topics: Population; Migration; Settlements; Environmental Management; Global Interdependence.

You will learn in a variety of different ways, by using maps and photographs and analysing data and statistics. You will also develop your skills of discussion and debate, and you will carry out extended research which will help you to become an independent thinker and learner. You will also examine a variety of case studies, ranging from local and national examples, to those from across the globe. These will help you to add examples and evidence to your answers so that your ideas and conclusions are well substantiated.

How will you be assessed?

Two formal examinations will take place at the end of Year 12 which count towards 50% of the A Level (Paper 1: Core Physical Geography; Paper 2: Core Human Geography). A further two formal examinations will take place at the end of Year 13, worth a further 50% of the A Level (Paper 3: Advanced Physical Geography; Paper 4: Advanced Human Geography). Each examination is 1 hour 30 minutes.

How is Geography useful for your future?

Geography is a very broad-based subject which can fit well into many different arenas. For example, careers in the world of business can demand an understanding of global economics and this forms a key part of Geography at A Level. If you are thinking of a career in international relations, environmental planning, tourism or conservation, Geography is a subject which can really help you. The army, police, government and research organisations also love the practical research skills that geographers develop. Whatever your future plans, Geography is a highly valued and worthwhile subject.

