



SIXTH FORM

Geography

WHY CHOOSE GEOGRAPHY?

Spanning as it does the science/arts divide, this course will appeal to scientists, social scientists and arts students alike. The course focuses on issues of global importance and there are few areas of life where a better understanding of peoples' spatial interaction with the environment and each other will not be valuable.

HOW USEFUL WILL IT BE?

The syllabus is particularly concerned with issues of global importance and will continue to provide a qualification sought after in a wide range of Higher Education courses and in a broad spectrum of jobs, for example agriculture, architecture, banking, cartography, civil service, environmental studies, estate management, farming, forestry, law, local government, management, marketing, planning, recreational management, soil science, surveying, travel and tourism.

You will learn and use a wide range of transferable skills throughout the course, including analysing and evaluating from different sources, developing written communication, IT and graphical skills, and learning how to solve problems.

WHAT WILL YOU NEED TO DO TO BE SUCCESSFUL?

To study this subject you will need a minimum of five GCSE subjects at Grade A*-C. Although GCSE in Geography forms a valuable basis for advanced study, the syllabus does not assume a prior qualification in the subject. However we would normally expect those who have studied GCSE Geography to have achieved at least a B grade.

You will need to have enthusiasm for and commitment to your studies, be able to use good English to communicate and analyse information and have a reasonable level of numeracy. During the course there is an emphasis on fieldwork including a number of investigative day trips and a residential course – usually to the Swanage area of Dorset which students will need to attend.

WHAT WILL YOU STUDY ON THE COURSE IN YEAR 12 – THE AS LEVEL?

Students will follow the OCR AS Syllabus and complete the following modules:

Managing the Physical Environment module looks at some of the following areas: river environments, cold environments, coastal environments, hot and semi-arid environments.

Managing the Change in Human Environments module looks at some of the following areas: food supply issues, energy issues, health issues, managing urban and rural change and the growth of tourism.

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HOW IS THE AS LEVEL ASSESSED?

Two written papers. Each paper is worth 75 marks and 50% of total AS marks. One paper is based on Managing the Physical Environment and the other paper is based on Managing the Change in Human Environments.

WHAT WILL YOU STUDY ON THE COURSE IN YEAR 13 - THE A2 LEVEL?

At A2 Level students will complete two modules looking at some of the following areas:

Global issues: which includes some of the following physical topics: earth hazards, climatic changes and eco systems and some of the following human topics: population and resources, globalisation, urbanisation development, and inequalities and contemporary conflicts and challenges.

Geographical Skills: this unit is designed to be synoptic. Students will use skills in geographical research and investigation/fieldwork acquired during AS and A2. Students will also undertake individual research on a geographical topic of choice related to the syllabus.

HOW IS A2 LEVEL ASSESSED?

One 2¹/₂ hour written paper based on Global Issues and worth 30% of the total AS marks (90 marks).
One 1¹/₂ hour written paper, partly based on a candidate's own investigation and research and worth 20% of the total A2 (60 marks).

HOW MUCH TIME WILL YOU HAVE TO SPEND ON PRIVATE STUDY/RESEARCH?

AS Level: at least 4 hours per week.

A2 Level: at least 5 hours per week.

