



Geography



Course Outline

A level Geography is contemporary, issues based approach to the subject. It is rooted in learning about the real world and will challenge students to think deeply about it and the role we have as citizens in managing the challenges our global future will bring. If you are interested in what is happening to the natural and human world around you and the complex relationship between the two then Geography is the subject for you!

You will need to be willing to take part in interesting discussions and consider options formulating opinions based on evidence and geographical theory. You will also have a chance to apply your learning in a fieldwork context during a week-long residential trip to Pembrokeshire, West Wales. You will be expected to stay informed of current geographical issues through research, use of media and extensive reading and then apply your understanding through a variety of means including data analysis, spoken word, essay writing and project work. Geographers are well rounded students who need to develop a broad set of skills which makes the subject diverse and interesting for those who enjoy variety in their learning.

Exam Board

Pearson Edexcel.

Skills Required

- Handling and interpreting qualitative and quantitative data.
- Use and understand a range of methodological approaches to primary and secondary fieldwork.
- Use and understand a range of statistical tests.
- Synthesise and evaluate contrasting arguments.
- Critical thinking and problem solving.
- Communication skills, literacy and oracy.
- ICT literacy.
- Numeracy skills and data handling.
- Cultural understanding and empathy

Entry Requirement

- GCSE English and Maths at Grade 5 or above.
- GCSE Geography at Grade 5 or above.
- Two other GCSE grades at 5 or above.



Future opportunities

Geography offers opportunities for many career paths and as a “facilitating subject” as defined by the leading Russell Group of universities is well regarded by institutions of higher education and employers. Careers for geographers split into the following broad groups: leisure & culture; travel; environment & sustainability; the business world; development & global issues; settlement & planning (e.g. housing manager, town planner); social occupations (e.g. teacher, HR, market research); physical systems (e.g. hydrologist) and occupations based on geographical techniques (e.g. cartography, developing GIS).

