



Geography

Why Geography?

The course offers an opportunity to study a wide range of topical issues ranging from energy security, flood management and wildfires to urbanisation, migration, globalisation of industry and climate change. A wide range of skills will be developed, including field data collection, presentation and analysis, all of which are seen as valuable by employers. Geography is one of the subjects favoured by Russell Group Universities and supports a wide range of subject combinations.

What can I expect?

You will study the physical themes of the water and carbon cycles, coastal environments and natural hazards. The human themes studied will include International trade, global governance, changing places and contemporary urban environments. Finally, you will be expected to attend a four-day residential field course which is currently held in the Norfolk in Year 13. This is subject to change and the final location will be chosen to provide the best possible experience and outcomes for our students.

How will I be assessed?

AQA formally assess via a combination of 2 exam papers and an independent non-exam assessment (NEA) coursework investigation.

Paper 1 Physical geography, covering core physical systems like the water and carbon cycles alongside coastal systems and hazards.

Paper 2 Human geography, covering global systems, changing places, and contemporary human environments.

NEA An independent fieldwork investigation of 4,000 words +based on a minimum of four days of field data collection, worth **20%** of your final grade.

What do I need?

In addition to the general entry requirement for the Sixth Form, we would recommend a grade 5 or higher, applicants wishing to study geography with a grade 4 will be considered on a case by case basis.

What about the future?

Geography is an essential qualification for a large range of careers and Geography graduates have one of the highest employment rates.

“Many employers prize the knowledge and skills that studying geography can provide, be it knowing how the world works, planning research and report writing, working in a team, using new technologies and communication skills - and much more. You will find geographers in a wide range of jobs, from the City to planning, working in the environment to travel and tourism, or in international charities or retail.”

Michael Palin, President of the Royal Geographical Society