



# GEOGRAPHY

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## WHY SHOULD I STUDY IB GEOGRAPHY?

Geography has never been more pertinent. In the absence of "Future Studies," it bridges the Humanities and Sciences to contextualise learning from across the curriculum, helping pupils to identify and understand the challenges faced today on a range of scales, from local to global, and consider analytically the evolving complex issues of the future. Geography explains the past, illuminates the present and prepares us for the future – universities and employers alike state clearly that nothing can more important!

## WHAT WILL I LEARN ABOUT?

IB Geography is thematic, drawing from learning from across the curriculum to help pupils understand the interconnected nature of human, physical and environmental challenges both contemporary and forthcoming. The synoptic nature of the course, which emphasises the links between topics, facilitates the teaching of a wide range of contemporary issues, including population dynamics, climate change, leisure and tourism, coasts, resource consumption, superpowers, cultural geographies and illegal geographies, to provide pupils with an unrivalled understanding of the world around them and the challenges they face in their world of the future.

## HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

IB Geography is assessed through three terminal examinations (options, core and Higher Level extensions), as well as an Internal Assessment (completed on a residential trip).

## WHAT SKILLS WILL I DEVELOP?

IB Geography helps pupils to develop both analytical and evaluative thinking skills, as well as an ability to draw synoptic links between areas of study which help understand complex global issues. Pupils develop research and investigative skills, including fieldwork skills, statistical analysis skills and graphicacy, as well as enquiry processes. The ability to contextualise theory from across the curriculum is also highly prized!

## WHERE COULD THIS SUBJECT TAKE ME IN THE FUTURE?

Highly regarded by Oxbridge, Russell Group Universities and employers, IB Geography "opens doors" for pupils, who benefit from having a highly valued awareness of the world around them, allowing them to understand the global and local context in which they will be operating.

