



GEOGRAPHY

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WHY SHOULD I STUDY IB GEOGRAPHY?

Geography is a highly valued academic subject that bridges the art and science disciplines. It gives us a sense of place in the world and helps us to identify, understand and respond to contemporary challenges on a range of scales: local to global. Through studying Geography pupils are equipped with a range of transferable skills that are highly desired by employers and universities. It is a flexible subject that combines well with a range of courses. In the words of the former president of the Royal Geographical society, Michael Palin, "Geography explains the past, illuminates the present and prepares us for the future. What can be more important than that?"

WHAT WILL I LEARN ABOUT?

IB Geography offers a breadth of physical and human topics and draws on the complex interconnections of these. It explores the processes that shape our environments, the power that people have to change these environments and the possibilities offered for us to mitigate and adapt as we work towards a sustainable future. Freshwater environments and management, leisure and tourism, geophysical hazards, demographic change, resource consumption, human development and diversity, environmental risk and global resilience are examples of units that are covered within the IB.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Standard Level: Two exams and an internal assessment based on data collected on a residential trip.

Higher Level: Three exams and an internal assessment based on data collected on a residential trip.

WHAT SKILLS WILL I DEVELOP?

IB Geography teaches pupils to develop both analytical and evaluative thinking skills. Learning through inquiry is at the heart of the course and a range of investigative skills are acquired through conducting fieldwork, using GIS (geographical information systems) and analysing cartographic and statistical data. Pupils become confident at researching and presenting information reflecting on the reliability and validity of a range of resources.

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.



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