



GEOGRAPHY A-LEVEL

WHY SHOULD I STUDY A-LEVEL 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?

A-Level Geography offers a breadth of Physical and Human topics drawing on the complex interconnectedness of these. The course extends prior geographical learning but also introduces new concepts not explored at GCSE. The physical units covered include: hydrology and fluvial geomorphology, atmosphere and weather, rocks & weathering, coastal environments and hazardous environments. The human units covered include population, migration, settlement dynamics, global interdependence and economic transition.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

There are 4 exams each 1 hour 30 minutes which contain a range of questioning styles from short answer questions to a choice of essays. This is a modular course which means the first two exams can be sat at the end of the first year or in the November series with the second two exams that assess the upper sixth work being sat at the end of the course.

There is no coursework.

WHAT SKILLS WILL I DEVELOP?

A-Level Geography teaches pupils to develop both analytical and evaluative thinking skills. Learning through enquiry 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?

2021 saw the highest increase of Geography A-Level entries of any subject because it is a highly desirable subject by employers, Oxbridge and Russell Group universities. Geography A-Level opens the doors for pupils who benefit from having valued awareness of the world around them, allowing them to understand the global and local context in which they will be operating.

Exam Board: Cambridge International AS & A Level Geography 9696



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