

### What is Geography A Level?

Geography is the study of the world around us and it examines the complex, dynamic relationships between people and the planet. Through studying A Level geography, you will broaden and deepen your understanding of an array of fields of human and physical geography which prepare you well for life after school.

Geography is regularly voted one of the most desirable A Level subjects by university and employers, on account of the transferable skills and relevant knowledge that you gain. Geography field work provides ample opportunities to develop your independent research skills and your ability to process and reflect on different types of data. So, if you are fascinated by the world you live in and are looking to develop the skills that universities and employers are looking for, geography is the subject for you.

### WHAT WILL I LEARN?

#### What content will I cover?

Paper	Topics	Weighting	When?
1: Physical geography	✓ Water and carbon cycles; coastal systems; hazards	40%	Year 13
2: Human geography	✓ Global systems and governance; changing places; contemporary urban environments	40%	Year 13
3: Geography field work investigation	✓ Independent research	20%	Year 13

#### How will I be assessed?

There are two written examinations (2.5 hours each) and 1 extended essay that is assessed by the teacher (3000-4000 words).

### What skills will I develop?

- ✓ Knowledge and understanding of geographical concepts and themes
- ✓ Application of geographical concepts and themes to a range of issues
- ✓ Analysis and evaluation of geographical material to present arguments and draw conclusions

### WHERE CAN GEOGRAPHY A LEVEL TAKE ME?

Geography students are highly sought after by universities and employers, on account of the broad range of transferable skills that geography students develop. Geography A Level is an excellent bridge between the arts and the sciences, and so would support the study of your other subjects. Geography leads people to various careers, for example: politics; economics; education; research; law; and environmental consultancy.

### WHAT DO I NEED TO ACHIEVE?

You do not need to have studied geography before (although this is highly recommended), however we ask that you meet the academic threshold for A Level study.

### RECOMMENDED READING:

**The Shock Doctrine** - Naomi Klein

**Stuffed and Starved** - Raj Patel

**The Power of the Planet** - Ian Stewart and John Lynch

**The News** - Society is constantly changing so reading a quality newspaper (e.g. The Guardian, The Telegraph, The Independent, The Times) each week is vital along with watching the news every day.