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# Geography

### Why Study Geography?

From global warming to overpopulation, sea level rise to super volcanoes, hurricanes to the spread of diseases such as Ebola - the only subject with the breadth to address these threats is Geography.

The impact of the human race on the Earth is a ticking time bomb and you will investigate this complex issue by analysing the relationship of human populations to each other over space and time and their relationship with their physical environment at a variety of scales from the local to the global. Almost everything you see on the news is related to these themes in some way.

Field work investigations, up to the minute case studies and the opportunity to develop and express your point of view on current issues provide the variety and challenge required to prepare you for further education. Your data handling, literacy and evaluative skills will be honed and developed.

Due to its wide scope and diverse skills set, Geography A Level complements the study of many other A Level subjects, such as Sociology, Economics, English, Biology, Physics and Chemistry.

### Entry Criteria

5 x 9-5 grades at GCSE (including English), plus a minimum of a grade 6 in Geography GCSE.

### What Will I Be Studying?

#### Unit 1: Physical Geography - 30% of A Level

You will study four different topics as part of the physical geography unit. Tectonic processes and hazards and coastal landscapes and changes will be studied in Year 12. The water cycle and water insecurity and the carbon cycle and energy security will be studied in Year 13.

#### Unit 2: Human Geography – 30% of A Level

You will also study four topic for the human geography unit. In Year 12 you will study globalisation and regenerating places. In Year 13 you will study superpowers and global development and connections, which looks at issues around migration and identity.

#### Unit 3: Synoptic Investigation - 20% of A Level

The synoptic investigation will be based on a geographical issue within a place-based context that links to the three synoptic themes (**Players, Attitudes and actions, and Futures and uncertainties**) and will be about two or more of the topics from Units 1 and 2.

#### Unit 4: Geography Fieldwork Investigation Coursework

This unit gives you the opportunity to carry out a field work investigation and produce a piece of coursework on this. This develops your field work and independent learning skills.

### How will I be assessed?

Units 1, 2, 3 are all assessed through exams. You will have regular assessment throughout the course in class to prepare you and develop your examination skills. Unit 4 is a coursework unit.

### Routes for progression

Geography, as well as being a diverse and fascinating discipline, has a wide range of transferrable skills that sets it apart from other subjects. It develops the data interpretation, research and literacy skills that are desirable for further study and a wide range of careers. Geography can prepare students for employment in finance, law, consultancy, education and logistics.