

Geography helps us understand how people and societies relate to changes in the natural environment



Gullfoss, Iceland (Photo: J. Hill)

Are you interested in:

- the physical world around you
- challenges to the environment
- bridging the arts and sciences
- understanding other cultures
- actively researching
- learning how to become a good decision maker

Leading to a career in:

- Cartography and meteorology
- Travel and Tourism
- Local government/planning
- And many others...

Teacher to contact:

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Exam Board: Edexcel

This exciting course offers you a balance between Physical and Human Geography

A-level

In Year 12 the following parts of the specification will be taught:

Dynamic Landscapes

Topic 1- Tectonic Processes and Hazards

Enquiry questions such as "Why are some areas more at risk from tectonic hazards?" will be investigated.

Topic 2 – Landscape Systems. Processes and Change

Option 2B: Coastal Landscapes and change

Enquiry questions such as "How can coastlines be managed to meet the needs of all players?"

Dynamic Places

Topic 3 – Globalisation

"What are the causes of globalisation and how has it accelerated in recent years?" will be a question investigated

Topic 4 – Shaping Places

Option 4B: Diverse Places

Enquiry questions such as "How successfully are cultural and demographic issues managed?"

In Year 13 the following parts of the specification will be taught:

Physical Systems and Sustainability

Topic 5 – The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity

"How does water insecurity occur?" is a key question to answer.

Topic 6 – The Carbon Cycle and Energy Insecurity

Questions such as "How are the carbon and water cycles linked to the global climate system?" will be looked into.

Human Systems and Geopolitics

Topic 7 – Superpowers

Important questions such as "What are Superpowers and how have they changed over time?" will be answered.

Topic 8 – Global Development and connections

Option 8A: Health, Human Rights and Intervention or

Questions such as "Why do human rights vary from place to place?" will be addressed.

THIS IS AN EXCITING, ENGAGING AND RELEVANT COURSE FOR TODAY'S GEOGRAPHERS

Assessment:

At the end of the A-level course there will be three exam papers – all are 2 hours and 15 mins

9GE0/01 - This paper will assess the Physical Geography parts of the 2 year course (worth 30%)

9GE0/02 - This paper will assess the Human Geography parts of the 2 year course (worth 30%)

9GE0/03 – This is a synoptic decision making style paper with a resource booklet which will draw together many aspects of the A-level course (worth 20%)

In addition there is **9GE0/04**. This is a piece of coursework (Independent Investigation) and it is worth 20%. For this part of the course students must go on 4 days of fieldwork. From work carried out they will complete a Geographical Investigation.

UMS points are awarded and they are added together to award the A-level Grade.



South Road, Southall (Photo: J.Hill)



Lulworth Cove, Dorset (Photo: J.Hill)

Fieldwork:

An important part of any Geography course is fieldwork. If you select this course you will take part in four compulsory days of fieldwork. There will be a residential trip which will include both physical and human geography. In previous years we have visited the Dorset Coast, London, the Peak District and Sheffield. These field trips aim to show you Geography outside of the classroom but particularly focus on preparing you for the Independent Investigation, at the same time as helping you discover more about the world you live in.

Geography Trips:

In addition, you may get the opportunity to take part in a trip abroad. The Geography Department has previously organised a Sixth Form trip to Iceland, which proved to be extremely popular.

Skills:

Geography develops your critical thinking, problem solving and your ability to describe and explain. You will further develop your ICT skills through Internet based research, satellite technology and GIS. It is recommended that students ideally need a grade 5 or above at GCSE Maths to be successful in A-level Geography, due to the practical mathematics involved in the course.

Higher Education/Your future:

Geography is a flexible subject that compliments many other courses. It suits students with an interest in topical issues that affect our daily lives. It will equip you with many transferable skills which makes this course both attractive to universities and employers alike.