



A-Level Geography

“Geography is a living, breathing subject, constantly adapting itself to change. It is dynamic and relevant. For me geography is a great adventure with a purpose”. Michael Palin

Geography provokes and answers questions about the natural and human worlds, using different scales of enquiry to view them from different perspectives. It develops knowledge of places and environments throughout the world, an understanding of maps, and a range of investigative and problem-solving skills both inside and outside the classroom. As such, it prepares pupils for adult life and employment. It is also an important link between natural and social sciences. As pupils study Geography they encounter different societies and cultures. This helps them realise how nations rely on each other: It can inspire them to think about their own place in the world, their values, and their rights and responsibilities to other people and the environment. There are four units of study in the OCR A-Level: Physical Systems, Human Interaction, Geographical Debates and Investigative Geography. Within these topics we cover some of the most relevant geographical themes of the 21st century including the earth's life support systems, global migration and power and borders. Students are expected to gain an understanding of some of the key issues facing our planet: climate change, disease dilemmas, global migration, power and borders and hazardous earth. A further

component of A-level Geography is that all students carry out an independent investigation into an area of particular interest to them, related to any aspect of the specification. Field work is a vital element of the course and enables students to apply the theories learnt in the classroom to the real world. In the Lent term there will be a residential fieldtrip to Blencathra Field Study Centre in the Lake District.

What can Geography lead to?

Leading UK universities have identified Geography as a very worthwhile subject to study. It can lead on to a great variety of university courses and careers, from town planning to business management, environmental work to international development. Geography's position between science and social science, the skills developed and variety of issues covered help to prepare students for their next steps post A-level.

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