



GEOGRAPHY

Exam Board: OCR

Specification: [Click here for more information](#)

COURSE SUMMARY

This engaging and flexible course gives students the opportunity to engage with the relationship of human populations to each other over space and time, study the relationship between human populations with their physical environment at a variety of scales from the local to the global, consider their own role in relation to themes and issues being studied and the roles, values and attitudes of others including decision makers, complete geographical fieldwork and develop geographical skills. The specification follows an issues and impacts approach to contemporary geography.

WHY STUDY GEOGRAPHY?

As Michael Palin said: 'Geography is the subject which holds the key to our future'. It opens doors, not just in education, but also in life beyond school. Everything links back to geography, from the ground beneath your feet to the air you breathe. The combination of human and physical topics caters to all students' interests and abilities. This is a most diverse subject, opening the door to a wide range of career paths.

WHAT HAPPENS IN LESSONS?

Typical lessons range from discussions and debates to learning and questioning geographic issues. The field trip is the highlight of the year, being able to make new friends whilst gaining first hand field work experience, which is a key part of the course. *Milly*

"When I leave school I hope to study Geography at Birmingham University and pursue a career in the Royal Navy. I have studied Geography, History and BTEC Sport and Leisure." Callum

COURSE ASSESSMENT

This is a new linear course. This means that students opting for an A Level in this subject will be committing to a two year linear course, with all units examined at the end of Year 13. AS Levels will still exist and can be taken as a stand-alone qualification at the end of Year 12, but students taking this option and then continuing to study the subject in Year 13 would have to sit all the A Level units as linear exams to gain that qualification.



MIGHT LEAD TO...

Geography can be an excellent preparation for a range of different academic disciplines at university. The skills developed in the A Level course are valued for a variety of courses and a variety of careers. While it has broad appeal, the subject is clearly particularly welcome for courses and careers in environmental management, the sciences, management and administration, business and finance, information services, leisure and tourism, and social services.

ADVICE ON ENTRY

Geography GCSE is not a requirement, but where students have completed the GCSE course, a B grade or higher is preferred. Payment is required for the residential field trip.

READING AROUND THE SUBJECT

- [TED talks](#)
- [The Guardian.com/world](#)
- [Thinking about taking A Level geography?](#)

Books

David Waugh, *Geography: An Integrated Approach* (various editions).
Cohen, Joel. *How Many People Can the Earth Support?* 1996.
Al Gore, *Earth in the Balance* 1992

DVDs/Documentaries/TV

- The Inconvenient Truth
- Food Inc.
- Country File