

# Geography

## A Level



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### What is Geography?

The world in which we live is likely to change more in the next 50 years than it has ever done before and our role in that change is more important than ever. Geography is concerned with the world around us: what shapes it, what sustains it and what influence we have upon it. Geography is therefore highly relevant to some of the most topical issues of the day, from earthquakes and climate change, to the exploitation of finite natural resources and our changing urban environments. Geography is about what is happening to us, now.

### What Will I Study?

#### **Paper 1- Physical Geography:**

- Water and carbon cycles
- Coastal systems and landscapes
- Hazards

#### **Paper 2- Human Geography:**

- Global systems and global governance
- Changing places
- Contemporary urban environments

#### **Paper 3- Geography fieldwork investigation:**

Students complete an individual investigation which includes a fieldwork day where data is collected.

### What entry requirements will I need?

In addition to the general entry requirements it is preferable to have a grade 6 in Geography.

### How will I be taught?

Students will be taught through a variety of methods, including; class based written activities, group work, group and individual investigations, decision making exercises, practical's and fieldwork work enquiries. Students are also expected to carry out individual and group independent study to consolidate knowledge that has been taught in lessons.

### How will I be assessed?

**Paper 1:** 2 hours 30 minutes written exam (worth 40% of the A-level).

**Paper 2:** 2 hours 30 minutes written exam (worth 40% of the A-level).

**Paper 3:** 3,000-4,000-word report (worth 20% of the A-level).

### What career opportunities does this open up?

Geography is highly valued by universities, as it combines both arts and science it opens up many options for future study. Due to the extensive and contemporary issues studied, as well as the multitude of skills and practical experience Geography includes, there are many career pathways you can follow. Some of these include: environmental management, emergency management and planner, urban planning developer, cartography, real estate, land surveyor, educational roles, government advisor and many more.