

A-level Geography

Below you will find some information regarding the A-level Geography course. Please note that there are some entry requirements for this course; please speak to us if you have any queries or questions.

What does the course involve?

There has never been a more important time to study Geography. We are the first generation to live in the Anthropocene – the geological age where humanity has become the primary agent of environmental change. Understanding the implications of this is the primary challenge for all geographers. Geography, Alastair Bonnett has written, is one of “humanity’s big ideas”, and our age needs big ideas now more than ever before. The world needs geographers to analyse, interpret and intervene in global affairs, and to find hopeful solutions to wicked problems. A-level Geography is an exciting course that offers students a unique opportunity to understand Earth’s physical systems alongside the ways that political and economic power shape relationships between people and places. The relationship between the human and natural worlds will be explored through the study of the following topics:



Year 12 topics	Year 13 topics	Coursework (completed in year 13)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The water and carbon cycles • Natural hazards • Contemporary urban environments • Changing places 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coastal systems and landscapes • Globalisation and global governance • Geographical skills 	Students carry out and write up a piece of independent field research on a subject of their choice during the first term of year 13.

The course is currently assessed by examination (80%) and coursework (20%).

Where can Geography take you?

Because of geography’s versatility, it opens up a wealth of possible career paths. Geography graduates are amongst the most employable. Common career paths include risk analysis, global finance, architecture, the Civil Service or Environment Agency. The skills you acquire are transferable across many careers. Most importantly, studying Geography will equip you with the tools you need to understand the world around you.

Find out more We encourage you to contact us with any questions, or alternatively why not follow the link to access Padlet, our bespoke training resource.

[The Padlet](#)

Quick course facts

You should have a minimum of five GCSEs graded at level 4 or above, including English and Mathematics.

You will acquire skills in statistical analysis, research, report writing, analysis and evaluation. These are valued across all job sectors.

Specific careers for geographers have included working for the Met Office, the Environment Agency, or in the Civil Service.

Many geographers also find themselves working in finance, marketing, education, or in a variety of other careers.

This course is for those who are inquisitive and interested in the world around them.

