

SUBJECT: GEOGRAPHY A LEVEL (Linear)

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SYNOPSIS OF CONTENT

Geography is a broad based subject that can be successfully combined with any of the others on offer at A Level. It provides both excellent preparation for the independent learning required at university and the wider skills sought by employers. Geography is all about your world, so it is 100% relevant. It covers some of the big issues faced by the world that will impact on your life and it allows you to apply knowledge and understanding from other subjects to what is really happening.

Through the two years of the course students study a wide range of geographical topics with a clear focus on synopticity across the themes.

Topic Areas – There are a wide range of topic areas that can be studied, some of which are optional. They are as follows:

- Global Systems and Global Governance
- Water and Carbon Cycles
- Changing Places
- Coastal Systems and Landscapes
- Population and the Environment
- Hot Desert Systems and Landscapes
- Resource Security
- Glacial Systems and Landscapes
- Ecosystems under Stress
- Geographical Skills and Fieldwork

SKILLS THAT WILL BE DEVELOPED

Through studying Geography students develop a wide range of transferable skills while also developing fieldwork expertise. There is a strong focus on research skills alongside data handling skills and interpretive skills using maps, photos and satellite images. In addition students develop the quality of their report writing and most importantly the ability to synthesize and analyse information in all of its forms.

SOME USEFUL WEBSITES

<http://www.geographyinthenews.rgs.org/>
<http://www.rgs.org/>
<http://www.juicygeography.co.uk/>
<http://www.geographypages.co.uk/>

SPECIFIC MATRICULATION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the Sixth Form matriculation requirements, students must have at least one GCSE grade B or above in Geography or another Humanities if they did not take Geography. Students learn how to apply statistical tests and therefore confidence in Mathematics is necessary.

ASSESSMENT

The course overall is 100% examination.

Two equally weighted exams will provide 80% of the marks divided equally between Physical and Human topics. In addition, a piece of coursework will also be submitted accounting for 20% of the total A Level mark.

There is a compulsory requirement for fieldwork to be undertaken in both urban and rural areas.

OTHER INFORMATION

All text books are provided for the duration of course.

Students must complete four days of primary data collection as part of the A Level. They are offered the opportunity to go on a week-long residential fieldtrip to a UK Field Studies Centre. This is a compulsory aspect of the course as it allows students to collect data and reinforces topics studied in the classroom. The cost of the residential is expected to be in the region of £300.