



SUBJECT: Geography IB Standard

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT:
Miss C Dawton

EXAM BOARD AND SYLLABUS NUMBER:
IBO / QAN:

SYNOPSIS OF CONTENT:

The IB Geography programme has a global focus looking at interactions between the human and physical world. You will study a number of different topics and develop a wide range of geographical skills.

The core themes look at the issues surrounding population, resources, and development in the global society.

You will also study two of the following optional themes:

Freshwater—issues and conflicts.

Oceans and their coastal margins.

Extreme environments.

Hazards and disasters—risk assessment and response.

Leisure, sport and tourism.

The geography of food and health.

Urban environments.

WHY STUDY THIS SUBJECT?

Geography is a broad and dynamic subject that is firmly grounded in the real world. It helps to explain the similarities and differences between spaces and places across a variety of scales and perspectives. Geography inspires students to examine key local, national and global issues appreciating our shared responsibility as citizens of an increasingly interconnected world.

SELF STUDY ADVICE / USEFUL WEBSITES:

www.geographyinthenews.rgs.org/

www.rgs.org/

www.geographyalltheway.com

www.juicygeography.co.uk

www.geographypages.co.uk

HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

Students are assessed through examinations and an internal assessment based around a fieldwork question. Paper 1 40% of total. Exam 1hr 30mins. Answer 3 out of 4 questions on the core theme (multiple parts per question). Paper 2 35% of total. Exam 1hr 20 mins. Internal Assessment 25% of total 2500 words. A fieldwork reports based on primary data collected in the field.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Although there are not many jobs with the title 'geographer', as a subject it does offer many and diverse career options. For example: Community Development Officer; Cartographer; GIS Specialist; Climatologist; Human Rights Officer; Disaster Response Coordinator; Environmental Manager and Foreign Service Worker

SPECIFIC MATRICULATION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the Sixth Form matriculation requirements, you will need to have at least a grade 5 or above in Geography GCSE to study IB Standard or the equivalent in another Humanities subject if you did not take Geography.