

Geography

About the Subject

Geography is a broad and well-rounded curriculum, which is highly regarded by Russell Group Universities. Geography enables learners to develop a wide range of transferable skills. These are taught explicitly through the curriculum working on learner's analytical, investigative, numerical and written skills as well as incorporating the use of new technologies.

Fieldwork is conducted in both Year 12 and Year 13. In Year 12 we undertake a 3 day residential fieldwork study where you will collect data to write your internally assessed piece of coursework which is worth 20% of your A-Level. In Year 13 you will complete a fieldwork day which will link to a core topic in your course. You will undertake a mixture of human and physical fieldwork investigations at Geography A-Level.

There are opportunities to also participate in international fieldwork. These are to provide a new geographical experience; previous visits have been to the Alps and the Amalfi Coast, Italy. There is the opportunity to become a Geography Ambassador to enhance your extra-curricular CV or as part of your enrichment.

A Geography Ambassador helps out once a week in a KS3 or KS4 lesson to provide support to learners and also participates in open evenings. This is an opportunity to develop a leadership role and develop your geographical understanding. Students have used this programme to show enthusiasm and flair for the subject when applying through UCAS.

Course Content

The core content (80%) of your A-Level covers the following topics;

UNIT 1 - Physical Geography (40% - examination)

- Water and Carbon Cycles
- Coastal Processes and systems
- Hazards

UNIT 2 - Human Geography (40% - examination)

- Global systems and global governance
- Changing places
- Contemporary Urban Environments

Fieldwork equates to the remaining 20% of the course. This will consist of 4 days study at A-Level. Students are required to undertake a Human and Physical fieldwork experience as part of the A-Level course this fieldwork is assessed internally as controlled assessment.