

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 two fieldwork days, a human geography experience and a physical geography field study. In Year 13, students will complete a residential field visit to collect data to support their internally assessed controlled assessment.

There are opportunities to also participate in international fieldwork; these 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. This is an opportunity to develop a leadership role and students have used this programme to show enthusiasm and flair for the subject when applying through UCAS.

A Geography Ambassador helps out once a week in a KS3 or KS4 lesson to provide support to learners and also participates during the Academy's Open Evenings.

Course Content

The core content, amounting to 60% of AS and A level covers the following topics;

Physical Geography

- Water and Carbon Cycles
- Landscape processes such as Glaciation and Coastal processes

Human Geography

- Global systems/global governance
- Changing place/changing places

Fieldwork equates to 20% of the course. This will consist of 2 days study at AS and 4 days study at A-Level (the 2 days at AS is carried though to A-Level.) Students are required to undertake a Human and Physical fieldwork experience as part of the A-Level course. At AS, this is assessed through an examination and at A-Level, fieldwork is assessed internally as controlled assessment.

The remaining 20% of the course is non-core content and will address people and the environment discovering questions and issues surrounding this.

Entry Requirements

5 A* - C GCSE grades, which include a B in Geography. Another Humanities subject may be accepted in some cases if a student attains good grades, including a B in English and B in Maths.

Career Paths

Geography is a broad-based academic subject, which is well-respected by employers. Geography graduates have one of the highest rates of graduate employment. Geographers enter a very wide range of career areas, and simply put; there is no such thing as a geography job, there are jobs that geographers do. Studying geography provides you with valuable skills and a firm base for life-long learning.

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