



## A LEVEL GEOGRAPHY

### What does the course involve?

The linear Geography A-Level is an exciting course which blends physical and human geography. It also encompasses numerous skills associated with geographical research and fieldwork.

### Physical Geography

The physical units of study include:

- **Water and Carbon Cycles:** A study of the physical processes which control the cycling of both water and carbon between land, oceans and the atmosphere
- **Coastal Systems and landscapes:** An in depth study of the coastal zone with a focus on physical processes and human interaction
- **Hazards:** A study of the threats posed by a number of hazards and a consideration of how these can be managed. Volcanic hazards, seismic events, storms, and wild fires are areas of study

### Human Geography

- **Global systems and global governance:** A study of the way in which global systems shape relationships between individuals, states and environments
- **Changing place: changing places:** A study of the way in which an array of factors affect continuity and change in the nature of places and our understanding of place
- **Contemporary Urban Environments:** This unit focusses on urban growth and change in a variety of locations and contexts. Sustainability in urban areas is an important and reoccurring theme

### What exams and coursework are involved?

#### Assessment

Assessment will be primarily by examinations which make up 80% of the A-level. All students will also produce a unique and independent fieldwork investigation of between 3000-4000 words which accounts for the remaining 20%.

#### Fieldwork

Fieldwork and fieldtrips are an essential part of the new Geography A-Level. All students need to spend at least 4 days undertaking fieldwork over the two years. A residential fieldtrip will be a key component of the course; in recent years we have been to Slapton Ley in Devon and Nettlecombe in Somerset.

### What are the entry requirements?

You need to obtain grade 5 at GCSE Geography. A grade 5 in both Math's and GCSE English are desirable.

## What could I do after completing the course?

### Skills

Through a study of A-Level Geography numerous skills will be developed and honed. These skills are highly transferable and are prized by both employers and higher education establishments. The skills covered are too numerous to list but include data collection, presentation and analysis; sampling, GIS, and use of statistics; use of primary and secondary data; analysis of qualitative and quantitative data; the list goes on!

### Future Prospects

Geography is well respected by employers and universities. The top universities respect A-level geographers as they come with knowledge of the world and a wide skills base. It is for this reason that the Russell group of universities consider geography a “Facilitating subject”. Geographers are frequently employed in the following fields: teaching, research, environmental management, planning, the energy sector, water resource management, conservation, demography, climatology, and mapping to name but a few!

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