

Geography

Aims of the course

Geography seeks to make students global citizens. We aim to develop a sense of place, an appreciation of the environment and an interest beyond immediate experiences. The world we live in is constantly changing and geography gives you the understanding of how and why.

What is the outline of the course?

You will study a split between human and physical geography each week. We will study a range of key concepts and apply them to places on a range of scales. We will learn about the issues faced in a number of locations and consider the management of them.

Overview	Content	Marks
Paper 1 - Physical Geography	- Water and Carbon Cycles - Coastal Landscapes - Natural Hazards	120 2.5hrs exam
Paper 2 - Human Geography	- Global Governance - Changing Places - Urban Environments	120 2.5hrs exam
Geography fieldwork investigation	Individual enquiry which must include data collected in the field	60 NEA

You will have the opportunity to undertake fieldwork with visits to Nottingham and Sheringham. This data may be used to support your investigation of a question or issue of your choosing.

What skills will I learn?

You will develop a range of transferable skills such as:

- Written communication: *essay writing developing reasoned arguments with evidence from case study examples. The NEA will also develop report writing and structure.*
- Verbal communication: *sharing ideas in discussions around issues, challenges and management will occur most lessons*
- Decision making: *by assessing a range of information coming to a conclusion of your own whilst also considering others viewpoints*

- Teamwork: *listening to others viewpoints and working together to collect reliable data or come to decisions*
- Cartographic: *using maps to describe locations as well as present data*
- Research: *Background reading will be required for some lessons and your NEA requires reading around the subject using a range of sources.*
- Data collection: *developing research skills including ethical and moral factors, types of sampling and evaluating methods*
- Data presentation: *drawing graphs and maps that show information, sometimes using ICT*
- Analytical: *using presented data to describe and explain what is shown. You will use a range of maths and statistical testing to consider its importance*

What careers can geography lead to?

Universities, colleges and employers actively look for individuals with geography qualifications as you will have a breadth of knowledge vital for future development, international relations and progress.

“Geography students have one of the highest rates of employment with the skills gained highly regarded”

As well as studying Geography in Higher Education, potential careers include working in management, landscape design, social welfare, business, marketing, IT, leisure and tourism, meteorology, education, social services and much more. Geography keeps your options open as it covers both arts and science components.

Further information

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/as-and-a-level/geography-7037>

Previous grades

	A* - C
2023	54%
2024	85%
2025	44%

What are the entry requirements?

Grade 5 in GCSE geography (or another humanities subject) and a Grade 5 in GCSE English and Maths

Want more information?

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