



A level Geography

Overview

The course aims to encourage learners to develop a range of essential skills for Higher Education and the world of work through content which is relevant to any citizen of the planet in the 21st century. Through exciting topics learners will understand the nature of physical and human geography whilst unpicking the debates surrounding contemporary challenges facing the world today.

Course Structure & Content

Physical systems

Landscape Systems
Earth's Life Support Systems
Geographical Skills

Human interactions

Changing Spaces; Making Places
Global Connections
Geographical Skills

Geographical debates

Optional units (2 of 5)

Climate Change
Disease Dilemmas
Exploring Oceans
Future of Food
Hazardous Earth
Geographical skills

Investigative geography

Independent investigation

Assessment

Physical systems written exam (1 hour 30 mins) – 22%
Human interactions written exam (1 hour 30 mins) – 22%
Geographical debates written exam (2 hours 30 minutes) – 36%
Investigative geography non-exam assessment – 20%

Entry qualifications

Learners who are beginning the course are likely to have followed a Key Stage 4 programme of study. Students must have a GCSE grade 5, or higher, in Geography and a GCSE grade 5 or higher in English. The specification builds on the knowledge, understanding and skills specified for GCSE Geography.

This qualification provides the ideal foundation for learners to progress to Higher Education for study in Geography or a number of other subjects due to the skills gained.

Career Prospects

Everything and anything! Employers like the flexibility and adaptability that Geographers bring. Equipped with ICT, decision making, and critical thinking skills, as well as being able to take an objective view on contemporary issues in the rapidly changing world in which we live.