

GEOGRAPHY

WHY CHOOSE GEOGRAPHY?

The A Level Geography course will cover both the physical and human environments and the complex interaction of processes that shape our world. It will also, importantly, show the applied side of the subject — how human intervention affects the environment and how people adapt and mitigate the effects of processes on their environment.

COURSE DETAILS

You will learn in a wide variety of ways such as by using maps, GIS skills and data analysis, and be encouraged to present your ideas on Powerpoint presentations to the rest of the group. You will frame your own questions using higher level thinking skills and showing your grasp of complex issues through report and essay writing.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREERS OPTIONS

Students who have studied A Level Geography have acquired the skills necessary to progress to a wide range of degree courses including Medicine, Law, Economics and Veterinary Science, as well as the more obvious options of Geography and Geology.

COURSE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to achieve at least a 6 at GCSE in Geography.

RELATED SUBJECTS

Geography combines well with both arts and science subjects. You may already be thinking ahead to potential university and career choices so it is worth bearing in mind that Geography is a broad-based subject that really fits well for your future progression.



FURTHER INFORMATION

With small class sizes, fieldwork is easy to arrange and allows every student to participate fully in the fieldwork and actually gather the data themselves.

The flexibility and expertise which we have as a department enables us to arrange trips to accommodate individual students' interests. Students will experience four days throughout the A Level course. This will include a coastal study of the sand dunes at Ainsdale on the Lancashire coast and an evaluation of the regeneration of Salford Quays.

The Geography department has also run several very popular trips abroad with recent destinations including China, Iceland, Italy (Vesuvius and the Bay of Naples), Sicily, Switzerland and the USA's West Coast. These enrichment opportunities develop the students' depth and breadth of understanding and foster a love of the subject. The Geography department also participates in the Lancashire branch of the Geographical Association lecture programme to enrich the students' subject knowledge, often hosting the lectures at Westholme School.

Many of our students go onto study Geography or geography-related degrees, such as Environmental Science, at good universities. Geography is a well respected academic A Level and one of the facilitating top A Level subjects.

