

# Geography: A-level (Awarding Body AQA)

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We expect students to have attained grade 6 or higher in GCSE Geography (although this is not essential if you have not studied the subject at GCSE). However, we do expect all students to have attained a grade 6 in both GCSE English and Maths.

## CONTENT

### First Year

- **Water and Carbon Cycles:** This unit focuses on the major stores of water and carbon at or near the Earth's surface and the dynamic relationships associated with them
- **Global Systems and Governance:** A unit analysing global trade systems and the governance of different nations
- **Hazards:** A unit focusing on the lithosphere and the atmosphere, which intermittently but regularly present natural hazards to human populations, often in dramatic and sometimes catastrophic fashion
- **Geographical Fieldwork:** A residential study visit over four days

### Second Year

- **Coastal Systems:** A unit focusing on the processes, landforms and management of coastal environments
- **People and the Environment:** A unit analysing the environmental context for human population characteristics and change
- **Changing Places:** A study of two contrasting places within modern society
- **Non Examined Assessment:** An individual coursework project worth 20% of the overall grade

## PROGRESSION

Geography is a facilitating subject for people wishing to pursue a wide range of careers including: Meteorology, Environmental Engineering or Management, Marine Biology, Education, Tourism, Politics, Economics or Geography.

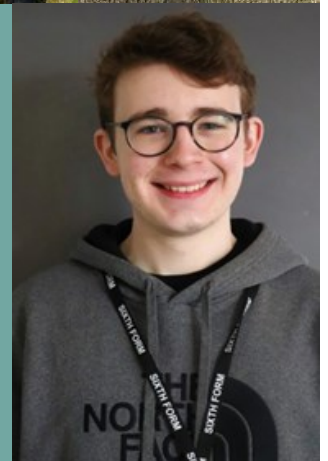
## GENERAL COMMENTS

Geography is a dynamic subject which holds the key to our future in the 21st Century and beyond.

We integrate many aspects of current affairs into geographical learning, as well as embracing the scientific skills needed to understand the physical environment. This will deepen your understanding of the physical and human world around us and enable you to develop many transferable skills including evaluation, practical fieldwork, ICT and data handling - all skills that are desirable to employers and university admission tutors.



I'd recommend A-level Geography to anyone looking to further their interest and understanding of the world around them. Its breadth and depth is simply unmatched compared to other subjects in that a wide variety of topics are covered in great detail, from the atmosphere and climate change to the notion of place.



However, a particular favourite section of the course for me would have to be the coursework. This is a self-conducted study that goes towards your final exam mark, and can be a study on any topic you like, provided data is collected. This data collection process means going on a selection of field trips, as well as allowing you to get to know your course mates better and have some fun in the process!

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