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A-Level Geography Course information

Why choose A-Level Geography?

Are you interested in studying Geography further? You should be as Geography tackles the BIG issues! The world in which we live is likely to change more in the next 50 years than ever before. Geography will explain why, and will prepare you for these changes.

The transferable skills that Geography develops are an asset in the world of work today. Geography is all about the future, and encourages flexible thinking. Geographers are good communicators, spatially aware, problem solvers, computer literate and well rounded, flexible thinkers. This is achieved through a variety of thinking skills, field visits, role play, and decision making activities and through current affairs media.

Geography is compatible with ALL other A levels due to the wide variety of skills and issues studied throughout the course.

Possible careers.... British Antarctic Survey, Environment Officer, Oxfam, Diplomatic service, Tourist guide, Journalist, Teacher, Lawyer, Town planners, Cartographer, Market researcher, Meteorologist, future king..... and many more!

Course Outline:

AQA [AS]

Unit 1: Physical and Human Geography

Topic list

Rivers, floods and management

Cold environments, coastal environments and hot desert environments and their margins

Global population change

Food supply issues, energy issues and health issues.

Assessment

Externally assessed

Written Paper: 2 hours

Weighting: 70% of total AS / 35% A Level marks

Structured short and extended questions.

Unit 2: Applied Geography

Topic list

Basic, investigative, ICT, graphical, cartographical and statistical skills

Research skills and the assessment of AS fieldwork

Assessment

Externally assessed

Written Paper: 2 hours

Weighting: 30% of total AS / 15% A Level marks

Structured skills and generic research/fieldwork questions.

AQA [A2]

Unit 3: Contemporary Geographical Issues

Topic list

Plate tectonics and associated hazards

Weather and climate and associated hazards

Challenges facing ecosystems

World cities – evolution or revolution?

Development and globalisation

Contemporary conflicts and challenges.

Assessment

Externally assessed

Written Paper: 2 hours

Weighting: 30% of total A Level marks

Structured short and extended questions and an essay.

Unit 4: Geography Fieldwork Investigation

Assessment

Externally assessed

Written Paper: 1 hour 30 minutes

Weighting: 20% of total A Level marks

Structured short and extended questions based on candidates' own fieldwork investigation.

Resources and facilities:

Each student is provided with a textbook and encouraged to read newspapers and the Geography Review. Arrays of field trips are offered i.e. Liverpool, London Docklands, Peak District, Venice, Cambridge, Suffolk conferences and University of East Anglia. In the lessons students will use many ICT skills including using the Interactive whiteboard and Geographical Information systems [GIS].

Careers and progression:

For further information why not visit The Royal Geographical Society www.rgs.org and The Geographical Association www.geography.org.uk.

For example, previous A level geographers have gone on to become town planners in Warwickshire, Lawyers for EMI, Teachers, Actors, Designers for furniture companies, BMW marketing and Ford car design.

Entry requirements:

You must have at least a 'B' grade in Geography GCSE or a related humanities subject.

A Level results:

100% pass rate at AS and A2 [2006].

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