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A LEVEL

Geography

WHAT IS GEOGRAPHY?

Geography is the study of the physical features of the earth and its atmosphere, and of human activity as it affects and is affected by these, including the distribution of populations and resources and political and economic activities.

WHY STUDENTS CHOOSE THIS COURSE

There has never been a better or more important time to study A level Geography.

Dealing with vital issues such as climate change, environmental degradation and social issues, A level Geography is one of the most relevant subjects for students to study.

Students enjoy the scope of the material they cover in geography, the insights it can provide into the world around us and the highly contemporary nature of the issues it tackles.

WHAT STUDENTS CAN DO WITH THIS COURSE

Geography is concerned with the real world, past, present and future, and is viewed by the top universities in the country as one of the eight facilitating subjects, i.e. it opens a much wider range of options at university and beyond.

When taken with Sciences and Mathematics, Geography supports applications for almost any science-based university course like Engineering, Psychology, Environmental Sciences, Oceanography and Geology. Taken with Humanities, Geography supports an equally wide range of university courses such as Law, Business, Media, Politics and Philosophy.

HOW THIS COURSE IS ASSESSED

- **Paper 1** - 30% of A Level – 2h 15mins
- **Paper 2** - 30% of A Level – 2h 15mins
- **Paper 3** - 20% of A Level – 2h 15mins

Coursework: 20% of A Level. Students will be given guidance in selecting an individual, unique question that relates to an area of the course outlined above.

They will then carry out a geographical investigation, which includes fieldwork, to help answer that question. Students must carry out a minimum of four days of fieldwork over the two years.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All our course entry requirements are detailed in the Entry Requirements document located in the admissions section of our website.

FURTHER READING

- Prisoners of Geography (Tim Marshall) What Does China Think? (Mark Leonard)
- Why Nations Fail (Daron Acemoglu and James Robinson)
- No One Is Too Small to Make a Difference (Greta Thunberg)
- The Bottom Billion (Paul Collier)
- Ghosts of the Tsunami (Richard Lloyd Parry)
- https://www.geography.org.uk/Student-guidance https://geographyrevisionalevel.weebly.com/

What the course covers

YR1

Physical topics:

- Tectonic Processes and Hazards - This includes learning about the distribution and causes of tectonic hazards, and how people predict, and manage disasters.
- Coastal Landscape Systems, Processes and Change - You will study the processes that create a landscape, and how it may be managed.

Human topics:

- Globalisation - The causes and consequences of globalisation are investigated, including its impact on culture and development.
- Regenerating Places - You will examine how and why places vary and how they can be managed or regenerated are discussed.

YR2

Physical topics:

- The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity - Water insecurity is becoming a global issue with serious consequences and there is a range of different approaches to managing water supply.
- The Carbon Cycle and Energy Insecurity - Questions about where energy and water comes from, sustainable use, inequality and how management is tackled.

Human topics:

- Superpowers – This involves the study of some of the world's most influential countries and a look at how these have changed over time, and the role they play today.
- Health Human Rights & Intervention You will study current issues linked to human rights, migration and national identity are covered in the Development topic.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information can be found on the examination board's website: www.qualifications.pearson.com