

Geography (AQA)

ABOUT THE COURSE

AS Level Geography consists of both physical and human components each with a core plus a range of optional studies. There is a Geographical Skills paper based on the content of Paper 1 and related to fieldwork activities undertaken.

These studies are further developed at A level through an issues-based approach focusing on contemporary geographical themes. These include physical options for example Plate Tectonics and associated hazards and Ecosystem: change and challenge. The human options include World Cities and Contemporary conflicts and challenges.

Finally there is the option either to complete a detailed fieldwork study or complete an issue evaluation paper.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

You will need to be enthusiastic about this relevant and rewarding subject and have enjoyed your studies of Geography at GCSE. You will need to be numerate and be able to develop a range of analysis and evaluation skills and also foster an interest in the changing world around you and your role within it.

HOW YOUR WORK IS ASSESSED

Three examination papers plus the ability to choose between

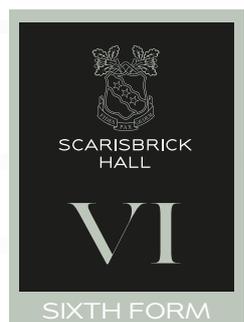
- a) Fieldwork Investigation
- or
- b) An Issue Evaluation.

What's special about Geography?

'So many of the world's current issues boil down to geography, and need the geographers of the future to help us understand them'

**Michael Palin
Actor, Writer, TV Presenter.**

Geography has the ability to fascinate and inspire, to develop a natural curiosity in the world around us, and deepen our understanding of people and places. It challenges our thinking of the role we play as global citizens and the responsibilities we share for the future of the planet.



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WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- Learn about some of the most challenging global issues we face
- Have the opportunity to develop key skills crucial for Higher Education
- Cover a wide variety of topics relevant to our changing world
- Take part in a range of fieldwork studies giving real life case studies and gaining practical experience
- Gain key, transferable skills vital for the future
- Foster enrichment through links with other schools and Universities

WHY CHOOSE A LEVEL GEOGRAPHY?

A Level Geography will provide the opportunity to study an adventurous and dynamic subject which will equip you with the skills to make sense of the changing world around you.

It helps to develop good communication skills, spatial and environmental awareness, literacy and numeracy, problem solving and ICT skills –all of which are transferable skills and highly sought after by employers.

WHERE CAN A LEVEL GEOGRAPHY LEAD YOU?

Many pupils who study A Level Geography go on to higher education studying degrees in Environmental Management, Geographical Information Systems, Civil Engineering, Law, Architecture and Tourism and Recreation.

This may lead to related careers including project and risk management, land and water processes, town and country planning, environmental policy and sustainable development.

Is A-Level
Geography
for me?

Have you enjoyed your studies of geography so far?

Do you see yourself studying for a relevant degree at university?

Do you have an interest in the world around you and an environmental awareness?

Do you enjoy the practical application of the subject outside the classroom?

Then you will find A level Geography your ideal course!

