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Advanced Level

GEOGRAPHY



Subject Information Sheet



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Course Aims:

Simply put, Geography is our future. When we look at any issue with the balance and scrutiny that geographical study offers, we move beyond the media hype or political spin. Geography allows us to see the world more clearly. (Tom Biebrach)

Geography is unique in that it helps students to see the world as a whole instead of split up into subject boxes. Geography examines the complex interaction of people and their natural environment and helps understand that decisions and actions will have an impact on the world. Geographers study the world at a local level and at an international level and bring together global political decisions, natural events and changes in lifestyles.

Course Content and Assessment:

A Level Geography is split into three components for the AQA exam board.

Paper 1: Physical Geography - 40%

Paper 2: Human Geography- 40%

Non-Examination Assessment 20%.

Students complete an individual investigation which must include data collected in the field.

A Level Overview:

Over the two years you will study a combination of Physical and Human Geography:

Physical Geography

- Water and carbon cycles
- Hot desert systems and landscapes
- Coastal systems and landscapes
- Glacial systems and landscapes
- Hazards
- Ecosystems under stress

Human Geography

- Global systems and global governance
- Changing places
- Contemporary urban environments
- Population and the environment
- Resource Security

Field Investigation

- Students will also complete a geographical investigation which is linked to the specification content but based on a question defined individually by students. As part of the investigation students must undertake independent fieldwork.

Learning Methods:

This course is designed for students who have an enthusiasm for the subject. It will develop students' descriptive, analytical and interpretative skills as well as incorporating problem solving and discussion exercises.

Career Opportunities:

Geography can be used as an entrance qualification for a wide variety of courses from Law to Environmental Management. You will be spoilt for choice if you wish to study Geography on its own! As well as 'pure' Geography degrees there are a wide variety of Geography related courses e.g. European Studies, Environmental Sciences, Urban Planning, Development Studies, Geological Science, the list is endless!

Geography graduates are very employable; they have one of the lowest rates of unemployment for graduates.

Entry Requirements:

- Grade 4 in GCSE English and Maths.
- Grade 4 or above in GCSE Geography.

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