

# Geography

**Qualification:** A-Level Geography  
**Additional Entry Information:** Geography C ideally  
Speak to **Mrs G Battle** for more information.

## **What do students need to know or be able to do before taking the course?**

The course builds on the knowledge and skills developed during the GCSE Geography course, although it is not essential to have completed this to study at AS level.

## **What will students learn on this course (skills and course content)?**

The WJEC AS and A level course enables learners to develop a critical understanding of the world's people, places and environments of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Students will develop both knowledge and understanding of contemporary geographical concepts together with transferable skills that will enable them to progress to higher education and a range of employment opportunities.

## **What sort of student is this course suitable for?**

Students who opt for the Geography course should have an interest in developing an intellectual, social, moral and aesthetic understanding of the world in which we live.

## **What kind of work will students need to be able to do outside of lessons?**

Due to the dynamic nature of the subject, students should keep up to date via a range of resources. The BBC news app, documentaries on the National Geographic Channel or Discovery Channel, magazines such as "Geography Review" or "Wider World" will all help build a wider understanding of the world around us.

## **What is the course content and how is this assessed?**

The AS course is made up of two units: Changing Landscapes and Changing Places. The A2 course is made up of two units: Global Systems and Governance and Contemporary Themes in Geography. Each of these units is assessed through a written examination, which are comprised of data response and extended response questions. Students are also required to undertake an individual investigation worth 20% of the qualification.

## **What could students go on to do at the end of this course?**

Geography is a specific requirement for some careers such as urban planning. Geographers, however, are found in all walks of life. The subject imparts skills of observation, investigation, analysis and interpretation, which are essentially management skills required in a wide variety of careers. Geography also enables people to make informed judgements on some of the important social, political, economic and environmental issues of the day. Many students will continue their studies at university by following a Geography degree, or may opt for a degree course such as Environmental Science or Earth Studies if their subject combinations have focused on the sciences.

