

# Geography – A Level



“This is your world. Shape it or someone else will.” *Gary Lew*

## Overview

Geography gives students a view on issues facing the planet, such as physical world topics; managing coastal landscapes (fieldwork), water and carbon cycles, climate change and hazardous earth. Additionally students understand the complex challenges of the human world involving the study of local and global issues including; understanding human environments (fieldwork), identity of places, social inequality, rebranding and regeneration, disease dilemmas and the future of food. Geography develops a sophisticated understanding of the connections between the physical and human issues our planet faces, while equipping students with decision making and problem solving skills and a love and appreciation for the incredible natural world around us.

## Year 12

- Coastal Landscapes (including fieldwork)
- Changing places: Making spaces (including fieldwork)
- Geographical debates: Hazardous Earth.
- Fieldwork Investigation: planning, fieldwork and consultation sessions.
- Written investigation for completion Dec 2018

## Year 13

- Earth's Life Support Systems: Carbon and Water cycle
- Geographical debates: Future of food
- Global Connections: 'Global Migration' and 'Power and borders'

## Assessment method

At the end of Year 12 you will sit end of year exams, these will not count towards your final results. You will also undertake regular termly and half termly assessments with your class teachers.

There will be one non-exam assessment, a written investigation planned and conducted independently by the students.

There are three final written examinations at A level which are taken at the end of Year 13.

## Additional information

You will receive a physical geography and human geography homework each week. In addition to homework you will also be expected to carry out a minimum of 5 hours independent study per fortnight in each subject studied. You are expected to use this time to plan and write a geographical investigation and read around the subject.

Recommended textbook: 'OCR A Level Geography' by Raw, Barker, Stiff, Harris and Palmer (ISBN 9781471858703).

You will need an internet enabled device such as an iPad or laptop.

A fieldtrip to Minehead, an urban fieldtrip and a residential trip are arranged over the course of two years. The approximate cost of these is £150.

## Entry requirements

Five GCSE Grade 5 to 9 including English. Students require GCSE Grade 6 in both Geography and Maths.

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## Futures

Environmental protection/ conservation, education, law, politics, town planning, tourism, journalism, coastal or hazard management, mapping, weather and humanitarian work (aid, hazard response and migration etc).

## Exam board

