

6th Form Courses

GEOGRAPHY



- Why are some volcanoes more devastating than others?
- How can we use technology to save lives in disaster zones?
- How & why do places change over time?
- How can coastal areas be protected from rising sea levels?

By studying Geography you will be able to answer all these questions and more!

“Geography is a subject which hold the key to our future.”

Sir Michael Palin

A Level Geography (AQA)

What is the course like?

A level Geography deals with vital issues such as climate change, place, environmental degradation, social issues and natural hazards, A level Geography is one of the most relevant subjects you could choose 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.

The A level Geography course is split into human and physical geography even though geography is a very fluid subject with some of the issues overlapping.

Human topics such as changing places and population and global systems and governance are very good for generating debate and allowing students to apply their knowledge to a worldwide context.

Physical geography looks at topics such a natural hazards and look at how hazards occur, what can be done to predict them and the management that is in place if one occurs. Students often find this side of the subject more interesting, but more challenging due to unfamiliarity of the content.

Course content

Key areas that will be studied over the course.

Physical Geography:

1. Water and Carbon Cycles
2. Coastal Systems and Landscapes
3. Hazards

Human Geography:

1. Global Systems and Governance
2. Changing Places
3. Population & the Environment

Geography Fieldwork Investigation: An independent fieldwork study on any topic from the specification.

Entry requirement

5 GCSEs at grade 5-9 including English and Maths Geography at GCSE grade 4 minimum (if studied)

Duration

2 years.

How will I be assessed?

- 2 x 2 hour 30 minute exams at the end of the second year.
- 4000 word non-examined fieldwork project.

Where does it lead?

Geography is a popular subject with Universities and employers due to its broad nature with the study of both physical and human elements. The wide range of topics allows specialization in a number of areas. Skills in problem solving, issue evaluation and enquiry will prove useful in a large number of careers.

Is this course suitable for me?

If you have an inquisitive mind, ask a lot of questions about the world around you, enjoy learning about faraway places and diverse cultures, then Geography is for you. Studies are topical and draw upon contemporary examples, often that occur during the period of study.

Additional information

As a degree subject, geography is highly respected by employers. Geography graduates have one of the highest rates of graduate employment, pursuing a wide range of career paths. It's often said that there is no such thing as a geography job; rather there are multiple jobs that geographers do. Whether you have just completed a geography degree, or are thinking ahead to your next steps and are planning what to do after it, we have information about your employability, work experience and career options, including advice about postgraduate study, how to plan your career, and how to find and apply successfully for jobs.

Things to consider when choosing a career:

- Which aspects of geography do you enjoy?
- Do you prefer to work in a team or by yourself?
- Which of your geographical skills are your strengths?
- All jobs need broad, transferable skills. Think about how you have a portfolio of skills
- Will you need any professional qualifications to follow your career path?

How to Apply

- Complete and return an application form. Application forms are available from the Wellington Academy website: www.thewellingtonacademy.org.uk.
- Your completed application should be returned to Dave Bissington, Head of 6th Form, this can be done either via your tutor (if internal) or delivered to the school reception.
- Alternatively please complete an online form, found under 2021 – Applications on the 6th Form tab.
- You will have an individual course consultation, during which provisional courses will be agreed.
- The offer of the course will be conditional upon you meeting the required entry grades, any subject specific criteria and having a suitable reference from your previous school.
- Your final interview will be held immediately after you have received your GCSE results. This is when your actual offer is negotiated and confirmed.

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