

### Course overview

Geography is a fascinating and ever changing subject. Students will explore a variety of geographical topics, have perceptions challenged and stimulate investigative and analytical skills.

### Course content

The course is split into three sections. Each section allows students to gain an in depth understanding through use of case studies.

### Physical geography

- **Water and carbon cycles:** where is water and carbon stored and how does it move around?
- **Coastal systems and landscapes:** build on understanding gained at GCSE to deepen exploration of dynamic coastal zones.
- **Hazards:** study the concept of a hazard, with a focus on plate tectonics and volcanic hazards, as well as storms and fires in nature.

### Human geography

- **Global systems and global governance:** Understand how globalization has transformed economies, societies and political systems. Develop an understanding of international trade and how countries work together to govern.
- **Changing places:** Consider how people engage with places and how a variety of places are known and appreciated. Understand how places change through demographics, culture and economy.
- **Contemporary urban environments:** Explore the contemporary characteristics of cities in the UK and around the world.

### Geography fieldwork investigation

- Design your own fieldwork investigation and complete fieldwork by travelling to the selected location.

### Assessment

#### **Section 1 (physical geography)**

- Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes, taken at the end of Y13
- 40% of A level grade

#### **Section 2 (human geography)**

- Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes, taken at the end of Y13
- 40% of A level grade

#### **Section 3 (fieldwork)**

- 4000 word coursework essay
- 20% of A level grade

### Careers and Opportunities for Further Study

- Subjects to study at university: Geography, Economics, Politics, Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Law)
- Journalism
- Town planning
- Cartography
- Conservation
- GIS analyst
- Surveyor

### Entry requirements

6 in Geography, 5 in English