

# Geography

**You are good at it** – If you are doing well on the GCSE geography course it makes sense to continue your studies into Year 12. You will be able to build on your skills, knowledge and success at GCSE. Why drop a subject you know you are good at?

**You are interested in the world around you** – Building on your knowledge from GCSE, you will gain a deeper understanding of the human and physical processes that shape our planet.

**You like asking questions** – If you find yourself asking questions about the people and landscapes of places you have visited or about issues you have seen on the news and want to find the answers, then geography is the subject for you.

**Geography is a sought after subject.** It is one of the 'facilitating' subjects that the Russell groups of universities (the top universities) are looking for.

**Geography prepares you for the world of work** - Geographers, with their broad range of skills and knowledge are highly employable.

## Content

The course comprises eight components:

**Tectonic Processes and Hazards** - volcanoes, earthquakes, tsunamis - the causes, effects and management of these hazards.

**Coastal landscapes** - the factors that shape coastlines, how they change over time and how humans manage these varied environments.

**Globalisation** - the role of world organisations, governments and multinational companies in shaping the world - environmental issues, trade, migration.

**Diverse places** - how and why places change over time, the benefits and problems change may bring and the role of different interest groups in the decision making process.

**The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity** - rivers, water supply and demand, drought, flooding, water scarcity and the challenges these bring.

**The Carbon Cycle and Energy Security** - an evaluation of fossil fuels and alternative energy sources, the changing energy demands in different locations and issues relating to ensuring a reliable energy supply.

**Superpowers** - the influence of different countries globally - political, cultural, economic, environmental and their role in decision making.

**Health, human rights and intervention** - the factors affecting access to health care and the implications for communities, the role of government in health care, people's

human rights and how these vary within and between countries, interventions from international organisations through aid and military involvement

You are required to undertake a minimum of four days fieldwork and in both Years 12 and 13 there are residential fieldtrips to allow you to develop your skills, investigate new places and work with others. The last two trips have been to Flatford Mill in Suffolk and the Lake District and for many geographers were a highlight of their course. You will use these skills to produce an independent investigation worth 20% of your grade.

## Course Requirement

5 in Geography, ideally a 6 or higher.

## Course Leader

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