There has never been a better or a more important time to study geography. With growing interest in issues such as climate change, migration and social cohesion, geography is the most relevant course you should choose to study.

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Specification Details and Assessment Methods

We study:

1. Physical Geography - changing landscapes of the UK, weather hazards and climate change and ecosystems, biodiversity and management.

2. Human Geography - changing cities, global development and resource management.

Exam Board: Edexcel A

Final Examinations Paper 1 - physical geography 37.5%

Paper 2 - human geography 37.5%

Paper 3 - fieldwork and UK challenges 25%

Qualification Target

The course will lead to a GCSE in geography.

Physical geography includes seas and rivers which are natural

Human geography includes population and development which are man made

Types of Learning Activities

Problem solving and investigating tasks

Individual and group tasks

Practical learning outside the classroom (fieldwork)

Visual learning through video

Research tasks

Debates

Progression to Post-16 and Careers

Statistics show that compared to other subjects, geography graduates are among the most employable. This is presumably because they possess the skills that employers look for. In part, this is because the subject is a combination of the facts of science and the understanding of the arts.

Geography graduates were surveyed after their degree courses about their career destinations. The results show; (source AGCAS)

∙ 40.6% management and administration.

∙ 24.8% further training including PGCE for teaching.

∙ 11.4% financial retail.

∙ 10.4% retail

∙ 10% other professional including law and media.

The Skills You Will Need

Geographers can:

Handle data

Ask questions and find the answers

Make decisions about an issue

Analyse material

Manage themselves

Solve problems

Think independently

Geographers are:

Good communicators

Spatially aware

Socially and environmentally aware.

Problem solvers

Good team players.