



Geography

Awarding Body	PEARSON	Specification Code	9GEO
Purpose of the course	<p>To develop a broad understanding of the human, economic, political, physical and environmental connections between people and places. Students complete the course with an enhanced understanding of global politics, environmental issues, economic governance and social development.</p> <p>Geography is a facilitating A Level with a scientific core, it develops data collection, analysis and interpretation methods. Research, fieldwork and exploration form the core component of the A Level course.</p>		
Entry requirements	<p>Students do not need to have studied GCSE geography but should have achieved at least a Grade 5 in English Language, 4 in Mathematics and 5 in Science at GCSE. A genuine interest in the world around us and a willingness to investigate is essential.</p>		
Type of qualification	A Level		
Course contents	<p>The course is broadly split between 3 papers. Paper 1 covers physical topics, paper 2 human topics and paper 3 is a crossover. Text books will be available for purchase from school at the beginning of the course.</p> <p>We study:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Superpowers and global politics Tectonic processes and Hazards Health, Human rights and Intervention Globalisation and global-economics Glaciated landscapes and change Global development and social change Settlement change and diversification The global water cycle and insecurity The carbon cycle, energy and climate <p>A research topic of the students choosing (forms coursework)</p> <p>Trips A 4 night residential field trip, day trips and local visits all form part of the course and do require a financial contribution from parents. Bursary students receive support for these trips.</p> <p>Students are given priority places and first refusal on international tours. We are currently looking at a tour to the Swiss Alps (2023) and at a return tour to Iceland (2022).</p>		
Assessment method	<p>Externally Assessed Examination (80%) Internally Assessed externally Verified Coursework (20%)</p>		
Further studies	<p>The course fits comfortably alongside the sciences, maths, English, economics, psychology, history and sociology. It also has significant overlap with the BTEC in Travel and Tourism.</p> <p>It bridges the gap between the arts and sciences and provides a scientific base to those studying technology or the arts.</p>		
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