GEOGRAPHY
A LEVEL

What is the course about?

This course is for students with an interest in issues affecting people and places where they live and how places are changing. The hazards facing the planet and people are also studied. Students will study current events and world problems, such as the effects of natural hazards, global warming, migration and the plight of refugees.

Course content

There are four areas of study over the two years:

- Dynamic landscapes – including tectonic hazards and coastal landscapes
- Dynamic places – including globalisation and regenerating places
- Physical systems and sustainability - including water and energy insecurity
- Human systems and geopolitics – including superpowers and migration identity and sovereignty

There are also exciting field trip opportunities to Swanage in Dorset and an extended trip to Iceland.

Assessment

Three terminal examinations form 80% of the total.

Non-exam assessment worth 20% in the form of an Independent Investigation based on field work.

Career pathways

Study geography, geology or environmental related degree courses at higher education.

Employment opportunities: management. leisure, administration, travel, business, tourism, environmental management, urban or land use planning, hazard management and planning .

Entry criteria

Minimum of five 5 to 9 grades at GCSE, including at least grade 6 in GCSE Geography.