



## Entry Criteria:

- You will need to achieve the pathway criteria, please see the prospectus for further information
- You will need to achieve a Grade 4 or above in GCSE Geography and/or Science
- Students who have not studied Geography must see the Curriculum Leader of Geography before they apply for the course, to confirm suitability.

## Coursework/Examination Requirements:

AS Assessment	Two written examinations 55% and 45%
A Level Assessment	Three written examinations 80% and coursework 20%

## Awarding Body/Specifications: OCR

**Advanced Level (A Level):** Geography is the study of the world around us and as such is a very well respected discipline. The AS and A Level courses are both centred on relationships between humans and their environment. The course aims to consider the geographical relationships between people and their environment but also to teach students how to use geographical techniques to collect, analyse and interpret information. Geography students ask questions: What is the quality of life like here? How can we manage natural hazards? In a rapidly changing world, the skills and knowledge gained through the study of Geography will be invaluable to citizens and decision makers of the 21st century. The study of Geography will equip you with the skills that will allow you to play a full part in our changing world.

## The following units will be covered on this course:

### AS/Year 12 Units

#### Unit 1 – Physical Systems

- Landscape systems – coastal environments

#### Unit 2 – Human Interactions

- Changing spaces, making places - cities

#### Unit 3 – Geographical Debates

- Hazardous Earth – volcanoes and earthquakes

### A2/Year 13 Units

#### Unit 1 – Physical Systems

- Earth's life support systems - ecosystems and processes

#### Unit 2 – Human Interactions

- Global connections - trade, power and borders

#### Unit 3 – Geographical Debates

- Disease dilemmas – disease patterns in ACs and LIDCs

#### Unit 4 – Independent Research Study

- Coursework

**Advanced Subsidiary (AS):** If you choose to study this subject for one year only you will be awarded the AS Level. You will cover the AS unit content and sit public examinations in Year 12.

**Progression:** Most A Level Geography students go on to study at Higher Education where both Humanities and Science courses can be followed. Due to the wide range of skills you use during the course, Geography is a facilitating subject, which may lead to careers in Commerce and Industry, as well as Environmental Management, Conservation, and even Teaching. Employers are very keen on Geography students due to the wide variety of skills they possess.

**Opportunities:** Fieldwork is a compulsory element of the course with two days offered at AS and a further two days offered for the A Level course. Students will also undertake fieldwork independently for their independent research study in Year 13.