

GEOGRAPHY

OCR | H481

Pupils will learn about physical and human environments as well as carrying out an independent geographical investigation based on the course content. These three components will be formally assessed. Pupils will develop geographical skills, the fourth component, throughout the course. Lessons will be taught with varied and interesting activities, and pupils will work independently and with their peers.

Fieldwork and data collection is a requirement of the course and so the pupils will attend a residential trip in the summer of the Lower Sixth, which comes at an additional cost.



THE COURSE

This course encourages pupils to: develop their knowledge of locations, places, processes and environments at all geographical scales, from local to global; to recognise and be able to analyse the complexity of people-environment interactions, and appreciate how these underpin understanding of some of the key issues facing the world today. Finally, pupils will learn to apply geographical knowledge, understanding, skills and approaches in a rigorous way to a range of geographical questions and issues, including those identified in fieldwork.

Topics covered include human rights, hazardous earth and disease dilemmas.

Ideally, pupils should have studied GCSE Geography as the course will build on skills already gained. That said, if you have a love for Geography and have not studied it before, we are happy to discuss the course with you.

ASSESSMENTS

- **Paper 1 - Physical Systems**
22% (1 hr 30 mins)
- **Paper 2 - Human Interactions**
22% (1 hr 30 mins)
- **Paper 3 - Geographical Debates**
36% (2 hrs 30 mins)
- **Geographical Fieldwork Investigation**
20% (3,000 - 4,000 words)

BEYOND THE COURSE

Geography has been listed amongst the facilitating subjects in a guide produced by the Russell Group universities. With growing interest in issues such as climate change, migration, environmental degradation and social cohesion, Geography is one of the most relevant courses you could choose to study. Geographers are also highly employable.