

Geography



What is Geography? So many of the world's current issues at a global scale and locally are intrinsically linked to Geography. From the effect of global warming on countries and regions, to food and energy security; to the causes and consequences of migration. Geographers seek to understand and make sense of these issues.

What will I learn?



Paper 1 – 2hr exam (30%)

This written paper covers the following topics:

- Tectonic Processes and Hazards
- Glaciated Landscapes
- Water Cycle and Water Insecurity
- Carbon Cycle and Energy Security

Paper 2 – 2hr exam (30%)

This written paper covers the following topics:

- Globalisation
- Regenerating Places
- Superpowers
- Health, Human Rights & Intervention

Paper 3 – 1hr 45mins (20%)

This written paper covers the following themes:

- Geographical skills, knowledge and understanding.
- Students are given a geographical issue, taken from the course content and are required to answer questions relating to the issue using their knowledge from throughout the course.

Coursework: Independent Investigation (20%)

In Year 13, students produce a written report of 3000-4000 words.

Students identify their own investigation title and incorporate field work data from their field trip. Usually, students conduct fieldwork in Barcelona. This year, overseas fieldwork is suspended due to Covid-19, and students are undertaking locally-based and virtual field

Assessment in Geography

Geography A Level assesses students in three key areas :

- Knowledge (AO1) - of places, environments, concepts, processes, interactions and change, at a variety of scales
- Application (AO2) - interpret, analyse and evaluate geographical information and issues
- Skills (AO3) - Use a variety of relevant quantitative, qualitative and fieldwork skills to:
 - ⇒ investigate geographical questions and issues
 - ⇒ interpret, analyse and evaluate data and evidence
 - ⇒ construct arguments and draw conclusions

Exam questions are a mixture of:

- Short answer questions (2,4,6,8 marks)
- Longer essays (12 & 20 marks)

Entry Requirements

To be able to study Geography at A Level, you need...

- A **Grade 6** in GCSE Geography.
- Good **English skills (6)** - to be able to write essays well and express yourself clearly.

Exam board:

Link to course specification [here>>](#)

Link to example exam papers [here>>](#)

Complementary Subjects



- **Biology**— Ecosystem processes
- **Government & Politics**— Role of the UN, international organisations, human rights, UK’s political structure, planning regulations for urban environments, trade partnerships
- **Sociology**—Social policies in the UK.
- **Economics**— the role of global organisations such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank.
- **History**— Impact of colonialism on development and current-day politics and economics.
- **Maths**—Statistical testing, data analysis and interpretation.

Enrichment in Geography

- Local field trips to sites across London (past trips have included teaching lessons in the Natural History Museum, regeneration work in North Greenwich/ Royal Docks).
- Evening lectures and talks at the Royal Geographical Society (RGS), South Kensington.
- ‘Going Places in Geography’—an annual Year 12 careers day at the RGS.
- Our annual Year 13 fieldtrip to Barcelona, where students undertake research for their Independent Investigation.



Here’s what our students think!

“Year 12 students should pick Geography at Marylebone because the content is interesting, and the teaching style and support the teachers give is incredible”

“I really enjoy Geography because its breadth means that it is always interesting. We not only learn about global issues, but we also get to develop our analytical skills and how to think about issues in different ways.”

Careers in Geography

Employers prize the knowledge and skills that studying Geography can provide. Geography students are among those gaining greatest satisfaction from their studies, and Geography graduates have one of the lowest levels of unemployment (Higher Education Statistics Authority).

Top careers for our recent Geography graduates:

- **Cartographer.**
- **Corporate social responsibility advisor.**
- Commercial/residential surveyor.
- **Environmental consultant.**
- Geographical **information systems** officer.
- Planning and development surveyor.
- **Secondary school teacher.**
- Town planner.

For more information, click the link to careers information by the Royal Geographical Society (RGS) [here>>](#)



“I have loved exploring in-depth human issues and becoming more aware of the world around me”

