

GEOGRAPHY

Do you have a curiosity about the world in which you live? If you choose to study Geography, you will develop a sense of place and 'awe and wonder' which will allow you to fully appreciate and learn from the world around you.

There is arguably never a more important time for people to engage with this subject. You will develop your awareness of the way in which people and environments interact and appreciate the opportunities, challenges and constraints that face people in different places, encouraging your development as a citizen in the rapidly changing twenty first century.

Geography features many of the key issues and global challenges which face us all and which are reported in the newspapers every day. These include population growth and the problems associated with rapid urbanisation, dwindling environmental resources, energy issues and the impact of rapidly developing economies such as China and India. In addition, you will explore the complexities of physical systems such as river and coastal flooding, earthquakes, volcanoes and climate change. You will also acquire and apply the range of geographical skills needed to conduct geographical enquiry, including those of fieldwork, independent research, ICT and map work.

Geography prepares you for the world of work; geographers, with their skills of analysis, are highly employable.

COURSE CONTENT

The course is divided into two papers. In Paper 1, 'Physical Geography', the topics of Rivers and Hazardous Environments will be studied. In Paper 2, 'Human Geography', the topics of Urban Environments, Economic Activity, Energy and Fragile Environments (including desertification, deforestation and climate change) will be studied. Practical geographical investigation and research is carried out for both sides of the course and is delivered via an excellent three day compulsory residential fieldwork programme, which gives an exciting opportunity to explore real geographical issues and learn some important data collection and analytical techniques. In addition, there will be a day visit to locations within Worcester.

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Geography has the power to unite people and the planet through education. Geography broadens your knowledge of the immense processes that govern the Earth from the ever-shifting plates to the changing seasons, there is no stone left unturned in this dynamic and vibrant subject.

ASSESSMENT: EDEXCEL IGCSE 4GE1

The assessment of this qualification is through two examination papers, set and marked by Edexcel. Paper 1: Physical Geography is a 1 hour 10 minute examination, consisting of two sections, whilst Paper 2: Human Geography is a 1 hour and 45 minute examination, consisting of three sections. The questions for both papers are a mixture of multiple-choice, short-answer, data-response and open-ended questions. There is no assessed coursework as part of this syllabus, nor is there any controlled assessment. Fieldwork experiences will be assessed within the two papers.

This is a linear course: the examination will take place at the end of Year 11.