

# Geography at MSJ Sixth Form



If you want to learn about the complex, exciting and fascinating world that you live in, you need to study **Geography**. An A Level in Geography is recognised for its academic 'robustness' and, most importantly, it also helps young people into the world of work.

In today's rapidly changing world, few subjects can boast the same breadth, relevance and importance as Geography. Unless we fully understand the physical world and the challenges that it poses to societies in the 21st century, then we will be unable to find solutions. These challenges include migration, climate change, population growth, water and energy security and the causes and management of natural hazards.

**TO PURSUE THE A LEVEL COURSE SUCCESSFULLY, PUPILS IDEALLY  
NEED A MINIMUM OF:**

Interest in Geography and enjoyment of fieldwork

## WHAT DOES THE COURSE INVOLVE?

The aim of the course is to develop an enthusiasm for and competence in Geography by using contemporary real-world examples and by learning new geographical skills and techniques. It draws on a wide and stimulating range of physical and human Geography topics, explores vital people-environment interactions, and encourages the development of fieldwork and enquiry. There is a really enjoyable and rewarding residential field trip to develop your fieldwork skills, in preparation for your NEA data collection. This course is equal measures human and physical.

## IS IT THE RIGHT COURSE FOR ME?

### What skills will I need?

Anyone with an interest in Geography can study this subject at A Level, although good GCSE grades in English, Maths and the Sciences are recommended. Each year there are girls who choose to study A Level Geography without having completed GCSE. With enthusiasm, interest and motivation, they have gone on to achieve the highest grades. What you will learn from choosing to study A Level Geography is how to apply geographical knowledge, theory and skills to the world around you. In turn this will enable you to develop a critical understanding of the

world's people, places and environments in the 21st century. You will learn to develop both knowledge and understanding of contemporary geographical concepts, and will leave the course with many transferable skills that will not only help you in your progress to higher education, but also help you in a wide range of employment opportunities.

## WITH WHICH OTHER SUBJECTS DOES IT WORK BEST?

Geography goes well with all subjects and since the topics are wide-ranging, there are some overlaps with Economics, Politics, Biology, Chemistry and Physics. The subject is also frequently chosen alongside Languages, Maths, History and other humanities subjects, such as RS.

## WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE CAREER PATHWAYS?

Studying geography opens up a wide range of careers. These will include careers in: environmental management, the earth sciences, law, meteorology, policy and government, society, the built environment, development and global issues, business, the physical environment, travel, tourism and leisure. Look at the Royal Geographical Society for more information.

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### EXAM BOARD

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## HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

<b>Paper 1:</b>	Tectonic processes and hazards, Glaciated landscapes and change, the Water Cycle and Water Insecurity, the Carbon Cycle and Energy Security. 30% - 2hrs 15 min
<b>Paper 2:</b>	Globalisation, Regenerating Places, Superpowers, Migration, Identity and Sovereignty. 30% - 2hrs 15 min
<b>Paper 3:</b>	Synoptic paper 20% - 2hrs 15 min
<b>Non-examinations assessment:</b>	Independent investigation 20% - 3000 - 4000 words