IGCSE GEOGRAPHY

Why should I choose IGCSE Geography?

The world is changing at a rapid rate, faster than it ever has before. As geographers and stewards of this planet, our role is more important than ever. By studying Geography, students are able to explain these changes as well as make a real difference to global, national and local issues. It is a subject about now and the future – a future that you will be part of and that you can influence and change.

‘Statistics show that compared with other subjects Geographers are amongst the most employable.’

This is because Geography is such a diverse subject and equips you with the skills, knowledge and understanding that employers seek. It’s also relevant, fascinating, challenging and valued/highly rated by colleges and universities.

What Knowledge and Skills Will I Learn?

- Excellent communication skills
- The ability to work within a team
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- Excellent numeracy and literacy skills
- Computer literacy
- The ability to manage time and multi-task
- Spatial awareness
- Problem solving ability

The above list of skills will provide Geography students with a long and varied list of careers to choose from.

Geography has an excellent record for graduate employment in the following careers/industries:

- Journalist
- Meteorologist
- Statistician
- Immigration
- Accountancy
- Stock Broker
- Outdoor pursuits
- Air Traffic Controller
- Customs and Excise
- Leisure and Tourism
- Environmental Officers
- VSO Developmental Work
- Import and Export
- Geologist
- Retail Management
- Farm Manager
- Cartographer
- Armed Forces
- Teaching
- Town Planning
- Engineering
- Nature Conservation
- Advertising
- Marketing and many more...

How will I be assessed?

- **PAPER 1** This exam paper will test your knowledge on the topics learnt during forms 4 & 5 such as population, settlement, rivers, coasts, tourism and volcanoes and earthquakes. 45%
- **PAPER 2** This exam paper will test your geographical skills such as map reading and will examine your ability to analyse geographical information. 27.5%
- **PAPER 3/4** You will complete an exam based on fieldwork and fieldwork techniques (all of the skills & knowledge learned on field trips) or complete a field work investigation. 27.5%

FIELDTRIPS

An important part of Geography - previous fieldtrips have included:

- Bali, Indonesia (volcano trekking, rice paddy cycling, coral reef snorkeling, tourism, river studies, etc.)
- Langkawi, Malaysia (rice paddy, tourism, coastal studies, etc.)
- Penang National Park (rainforest & coastal)
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