

# GEOGRAPHY

WJEC A LEVEL

Geography is relevant, stimulating and interesting. Whether you just want to broaden your knowledge, plan to continue your studies in higher education, or use this course to start your career. Geography will provide you with the opportunity to gain transferable skills such as communication, teamwork, analysing, investigation, IT and map reading.

If you are interested in the world around you and would like to understand more about the different cultures and environments that surround you, then A Level Geography would be an excellent choice of study.

## The Course Involves:

### Year One:

- Coastal Landscapes
- Tectonic Hazards
- Changing Places
- Fieldwork Investigation to Liverpool and Whixall Moss

### Year Two:

#### Global Systems, Governance & Contemporary Themes in Geography

- Water and Carbon Cycles
- Processes and Patterns of Global Migration and Global Governance of the Earth's Oceans
- Economic Growth and Challenges in China
- Ecosystems
- Independent Investigation

## Assessment

### AS Written examinations

- **Unit 1** - Changing Landscape - 24%
- **Unit 2** - Changing Place - 16%

### A Level Written examination

- **Unit 3** - Global Systems and Governance - 24%
- **Unit 4** - Contemporary Theme - 16%
- **Unit 5** - Non-Exam Assessment, Investigation - 20%

## Particular Subjects, Skills or Interests

You should have achieved at least a grade C/4 in GCSE Geography, but ideally a grade B or above would equip you better for A Level studies.

## Study Visits/Fieldwork

The course entails the need to undertake both a human and physical investigation in Year 12 and then a further trip for the independent investigation. The Geography department also runs an international trip once every two years.

## Post-18 Opportunities

Most students go on to university to study a variety of geography related degrees. The subject combines well with both humanities and science subjects and is relevant in a wide variety of careers including environmental management, planning, finance, tourism and teaching.

**Course Leader:** Mr G Reardon

## Subject Champions

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### Erin Platt

**Studying:** Geography, Biology, Chemistry, Psychology & Welsh Baccalaureate.

**Future aspirations:** to study to become a physiotherapist.

### Amy Foster

**Studying:** Geography, History, Biology & Welsh Baccalaureate.

**Future aspirations:** to study physical & marine biology at university.

*“Geography holds the key to our future, dealing with vital issues such as climate change, migration, environmental degradation, social issues and natural hazards, making A Level Geography one of the most relevant subjects you could choose to study. Mr Reardon makes use of all available technology to support his students, including Twitter and Google Classrooms, through the AS and A2 courses.”*