



# GEOGRAPHY AS/A LEVEL

## **Awarding Body**

AQA

## **Who is the course for?**

This course is for students who want to study Geography at a higher level. Learners will focus on physical and human Geography. The A-level can be combined with many other A-levels though is often mixed with other Humanities subjects

## **What can it lead to?**

Anywhere on Earth! If you go on to study geography at higher education you could find yourself undertaking a huge variety of global experiences from charting oil wells to exploring volcanic activity throughout the world. Because geography is about the interaction between people and our planet, this fascinating subject is valid for a number of different career paths, like advertising, environmental management, law or social services.

## **What are the entry requirements?**

The minimum requirements are 6A\* to C GCSE grades including Maths and English. A 'B' grade in GCSE Geography is also necessary.

## **What equipment or materials will I need?**

Students are expected to purchase all textbooks and note paper and should bring a scientific calculator, ruler, pencil, compasses and pen to all lessons. You'll need an atlas.

## **How will I be assessed?**

Each year you'll have two written papers to complete. In the first year, the paper on your classroom work gives 70% of your marks for AS, and the fieldwork paper gives 30% of your marks. It's the same format in the second year, but the marks change to 60% of the total for the classroom studies paper, and 40% for the fieldwork paper

## **Course Offer Conditions**

You will be expected to fund the cost of a compulsory fieldwork visit

## **What will I Study?**

In the classroom during the first year (AS) you'll get a solid grounding in Geography. Human and Physical geography are studied with two compulsory subjects – typical items of study would be flood management and population change - along with optional subjects which are of particular interest to you. Those optional subjects include food, energy or health issues. There will also be geographic investigative work and fieldwork. In the second year you'll move on to topics like plate tectonics, climate change, world cities and the development of societies. There'll be more fieldwork too, with the freedom to choose your own area of research or to use ready-made study materials.

**See Mrs Campbell or Mr Desai for information**