GEOGRAPHY

"The study of geography is about more than just memorising places on a map. It's about understanding the complexity of our world, appreciating the diversity of cultures that exists across continents. In the end, it's about using all that knowledge to help bridge divides and bring people together."

Obama

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The Ferrers Sixth Form

Why study Geography?

Are you curious about the world around you? Do you want to understand why people perceive the areas that they live in different ways? Do you enjoy learning about how natural processes change lives? If you have answered 'yes' to any of these questions, then A Level Geography is for you!

We study a wide variety of units at A Level. Topics build on the foundational skills gained at GCSE, whilst developing higher level analysis and writing skills useful in many vocations and undergraduate study.

What will you study?

Year 12

- Coastal Systems and Landscapes
- Water and Carbon Cycles
- People Everywhere
- Changing Places

Year 13

- Hazards
- Global Systems and Governance
- Non-exam Assessment (Independent Investigation)

How will you study?

The subject is taught through a mixture of group, individual and class activities. There is an expectation that you will spend at least as much time working independently at home as you do inside the classroom, to develop your skills. Fieldwork is an essential component of the course; you will undertake 4 days of fieldwork across the two years.

How will you be assessed?

Throughout the two years there will be termly assessments. At the end of Year 13, you will sit two written exams, one on physical geography, the other on human geography. Each exam paper is worth 40% of the A Level. Additionally, you will submit your independent investigation in the final year (20% of the A Level).

What do I need to study the course?

Entry requirements: You will need an APS of 4.5+, with at least a 5 in Geography, Maths and English (Language or Literature).

Skills and attributes: The ability to motivate yourself to work independently is essential for your success in Geography.

Which subjects combine well with Geography?

The short answer is that **any** subject goes well with Geography! All the sciences link, as does Maths, History and English. The skills that you will learn over the two years will allow you to succeed in all manner of subjects at A Level, and beyond. Come and talk to us if you have more questions.