



# GEOGRAPHY

## Course

A level Geography

## Exam Board

OCR

## Entry requirements

GCSE Geography Grade 5  
English and Maths at Grade 5

## Why study Geography?

Geography is part of everyday life: world weather and food costs; multi-national companies and politics; population movements and urban and rural change; tectonics and coasts. Understanding these things is what Geography is about.

The levels of interest span all scales, from a local planning enquiry to Global warming! The subject provokes thought and enquiry whilst exploring modern and engaging topics. Geography provides pupils with a rich foundation of specialist knowledge and understanding and empowers them with a suite of academic, professional and personal skills.

## Course content

**Unit 1 - Physical Systems:** Landscape Systems, Earth's Life Support Systems.

**Unit 2 - Human Interactions:** Changing Spaces; Making Places, Global Connections.

**Unit 3 - Geographical Debates:** Exploring Oceans and Hazardous Earth.

**Unit 4/5 - Independent Investigation.**

### St Peter's students say...

*‘I'm so glad I took Geography. The teachers are amazing, they inspire us and make the lessons interesting.’*

## Assessment

3 externally assessed written papers: 80% of total A level  
Non-examination assessment: 20% of total A level.

## Progression after Sixth Form

Many students continue to study Geography at university. There are very few careers, in the global job market, for which Geography does not provide a valuable background. Geography offers skills and knowledge that are directly transferable into many careers and subject areas.

## Career opportunities

Really useful career skills are developed, including:

- Oral and Written Communication
- Map and Graph Construction
- Research
- Enquiry and Investigation
- Problem solving Number and Statistics
- Instrumentation and ICT
- Literacy
- Modelling and Simulation

A post-16 Geography qualification is useful and relevant for many careers, such as:

Management and Administration  
Education, Professional and Social Services  
Business and Finance  
Environmental Management  
Scientific and Information Services

## Other information

The department seeks to encourage the student to achieve his or her very best in the subject. A good solid framework and imaginative teaching is provided to inspire a real interest in Geography and a lifelong love of the subject.

The department takes every opportunity to learn beyond the classroom. In the last few years, field studies have included trips to the Isle of Arran in Scotland, Pembrokeshire and Cardiff. In 2018 we explored the unique environment of Iceland and will be returning in 2024.

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