

GEOGRAPHY

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Examination board: Cambridge International A Level 9696 - Geography



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*“If you are generally interested in Geography and enjoy studying the subject, including **fieldwork**, are able to think broadly about geographical problems and issues, and can communicate your ideas in an efficient and clear manner with good supporting evidence from the **real world**, then Geography may be the right subject for you. You’ll need a broad range of skills that include presenting, **interpreting** and analysing materials.”*



PROGRAMME OF STUDY

The course is designed to bring an increased awareness of the natural environment and the issues and challenges that are facing the world today. You’ll study the natural world, including hydrology, fluvial geography, meteorology, rocks and weathering as well as coasts and hot desert environments, their problems and how to deal with them. You’ll also look at issues arising from our own use of the planet including population growth, settlements, migration, and options in economic and environmental geography.

These topics will be supported by a variety of fieldwork and secondary data collection. There are two mandatory field trips in the first year of study to York and Northumberland’s Coquet Valley. In the second year, you’ll visit the Northumberland coast. There are also a number of optional trips abroad run by the department which provide unique opportunities to learn about the landscapes and geography of other countries.

ASSESSMENT

- Four exams at the end of the course each of 90 minutes duration.
- There is no assessed coursework.
- Your knowledge of the subject, its principles, theories and processes, and your understanding about how these are applied in the real world are assessed.

FUTURE PLANS

The skills you develop across the two years are highly regarded amongst employers and by all universities. A good number of students choose to continue Geography based courses at university.