

Subject Title:**GEOGRAPHY****Type of Qualification:**

GCE A Level

Examination Board:

CCEA

Location:

Glastry College

Subject Leader:

Dr L Brown

**Entry Requirements**

It is necessary to have completed a GCSE in Geography and it is essential to have achieved a C grade or above in Geography and English. It is desirable to have a grade B or above in Geography and to have a C in Maths.

What will I learn?**Year 13 – AS Level** (worth 40% of full A Level)

There are 3 Units, AS1 with a physical geography focus, AS2 with a human geography focus and another, AS3 focussing on geographical skills. Units AS1 and AS2 are taught by a different teacher and contain 3 differing content elements, all of which you will have studied before at GCSE. Unit AS1 covers the fluvial environment (rivers), ecosystems and atmospheric processes. Unit AS2 covers population, rural/urban environments and development. Fieldwork skills and techniques are then examined in AS3 and is the basis for the residential fieldtrip in Term 2a. The exams consist of three papers, AS1 and AS2 each lasting 1 ¼ hours and AS3 being 1 hour. The exams will take place in May/June of Year 13. There is no coursework element.

"What you learn is relevant; it's actually happening." Matthew Y14

Year 14 – A2 Level (worth 60% of full A Level)

A2 is similar in structure to AS, but the content and skills are developed to a higher level. Unit 1 of A2 focuses on physical geography, including study of tropical ecosystems and volcanoes and earthquakes. Unit 2 of A2 focuses on human geography and issues in ethnic diversity and the impacts and management of tourism. The final third unit of A2 is a decision-making exercise. The exams consist of one physical geography paper lasting 1½ hours, one human geography paper lasting 1 ½ hours and the decision making paper lasting 1½ hours all examined in May/June of Y14. Again, there is no coursework element.

"The content is varied and interesting." Emily, Y14

What skills will I develop?

This course will help to develop your awareness and understanding of our changing world, and will improve you as a critical and reflective learner. You will become more confident in research techniques and the application of new skills. You will be stretched and challenged with open-ended questions, learn new statistical and graphical techniques in the classroom and in the field.

Assessment

All units of A Level Geography are assessed through examinations.

Year 13 – AS Level

2 x 1 h 15min examinations
1 x 1h examination

Year 14 – A2 Level

3 x 1h 30min examinations

Career Progression

Geography can lead to many related university courses but it is also held in high regard by many employers due to the vast range of skills a geographer will develop throughout an A Level course. Skills such as communication, decision making, enquiry, problem solving, research, data collection and working in teams are just a few as well as the essential geographical knowledge and understanding developed and the inspiration it provides to continually ask questions about and care for the world. A Level geographers have gone on to become entrepreneurs, engineers, town planners, teachers, environmental consultants to name just a few!

"Geography allows you to develop a range of knowledge and skills that can be applied in lots of different jobs." Melissa, Y14