

GEOGRAPHY

WHY STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will find Geography is a unique, exciting and valuable subject. So many of the world's current problems, conflicts and natural disasters such as hurricanes, earthquakes and tsunamis or the spread of disease, are just some of the great challenges that face us and need the geographers of the future to help us understand.

COURSE DETAILS

Qualification: A level Geography

Awarding Body: AQA

Entry Requirements: 5 GCSE grades A*- C/4+ including both English language and maths, plus a minimum of Grade 5 in GCSE Geography

You will be able to get involved and study a rewarding and relevant subject which allows you to develop a wide range of skills from collecting data in the field to understanding the attitudes and values of decision makers. You will take part in a variety of river, coastal and urban-based fieldwork, which is a fantastic chance to see geography come to life and gain hands-on experience seeing real-life case studies. You can choose to conduct fieldwork from any aspect of the Geography course that you find interesting. We currently run a trip to Iceland to develop your understanding of plate tectonics and have the opportunity to develop your fieldwork skills. Beyond A level and careers, geographers are highly sought after by employers and contribute substantially to the applied management of resources and environments. There is a wide variety of career options and management positions, as well as entry to law, architecture, civil engineering, medicine, dentistry and veterinary science. In addition, there are many new career opportunities linked with sustainability, climate change, disaster, risk management and carbon neutral economies.

COURSE STRUCTURE & ASSESSMENT

Component 1: Physical Geography

- Section A: Water and carbon cycles
- Section B: Coastal systems and landscapes
- Section C: Hazards

Assessment - Written examination: 2 hours 30 minutes, 96 marks, 40% of A level

Component 2: Human Geography

- Section A: Global systems and global governance
- Section B: Geography fieldwork investigation and geographical skills
- Section C: Hazards

Assessment - Written examination: 2 hours 30 minutes, 96 marks, 40% of A level

Component 3: Geographical Investigation

- Students complete an individual investigation which must include data collected in the field. The individual investigation must be based on a question or issue defined and developed by the student.

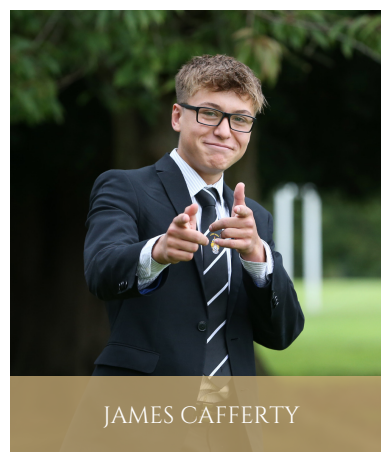
Assessment - 3,000/4,000 words, 35 marks, 20% of A level

“ The A level Geography course at Lymm looks at how the world is changing and how people are changing with it. I have enjoyed learning about urban environments, and how they provide equally attractive prospects to all parts of a population.

Lymm Sixth Form is a great environment to study in, both in and out of lessons.

Staff are always willing to help any students progress, whether it be in what they are already learning or extra material outside of the syllabus.

The sense of community here is fantastic. Because of the follow on from lower school, those who are new to sixth form quickly become known by all students and are welcomed into the family.



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