



Geography

Room: Shades Café

What the Students Say

“Geography is full of real-world examples. I can hear the news and use it in my essays”

“I like the mix of topics we study. One lesson I can be learning about river floods in Bangladesh and the next analysing cartoons about Donald Trump and Kim-Jong-Un”

“I will never forget standing in a river in the rain waiting for a dog biscuit to float past me”

What Is This Course About?

The world in which we live is likely to change more in the next 50 years than it has ever done before. Our role in that change is more important than ever. Geography explains the changes and helps to prepare people for the future challenges we are likely to face. It is a subject about now and the future. Whilst Geography is divided into human and physical themes, the links between these two worlds are much closer than previously thought, and what happens in one has an impact in the other.

What Will I Learn?

Year 12: Water and Carbon cycles, Coastal landscapes, Global systems and governance, Changing places, Residential field trip (2 nights).

Year 13: Ecosystems under stress, Contemporary urban environments.

You will also complete your own research project (NEA) on a theme of your choice, linked to any of our topics of study.

Where Will It Take Me?

The skills you use make you of potential interest to a wide range of employers. The close link between the subject and the world around us makes for a long and varied list of related careers. For example: architecture, town planning and urban design, working with development or aid agencies, environmental work, ecology and conservation, using Geographical Information Systems, journalism, tourism and recreation management.

Statistics show that compared with other subjects, geographers are among the most employable graduates. This ability to view issues from a wider perspective is appropriate for working in many different areas:

Science, Engineering, Psychology, Environmental Science, Oceanography, Geology, ICT.
Humanities: Business, Law, Media, Politics and Philosophy, Travel and Tourism, Journalism.

What Other Opportunities Exist Outside of Class?

Fieldwork is an integral part of Geography, and you will have four days of field study during the course. We visit a field study centre for three days to develop fieldwork skills and data interpretation techniques. This is an opportunity to collect data for your NEA, and the focus of the trip is tailored with NEA projects in mind. We will also go out on a local field trip (within Dorset) to complete a fieldwork enquiry which links class-based learning with the real world.