**Why you should follow this course**

Geography is the study of relationships between people and the earth. This course looks at current events and issues and their impact on the environment. It is hoped you will realise the importance of decision making within Geography, and by studying Geography it will help you develop an awareness of the ethnic, cultural, economic and political diversity of human society.

**Studying GEOGRAPHY gives you the opportunity to travel the world via the classroom...where will geography take you?**

**What will you cover during the course?**

There will always be a balance of human and physical Geography. There is also a strong emphasis on field trips: to Newcastle Upon Tyne to study urban issues; to the Lake District or a coastal area to study hydrology/sand dunes; and a one week field trip to the Isle of Arran.

**How will the course be assessed?**

**AS Examination: Summer 2017**

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| Comp 3 | Investigation 3,000 –4,000 words Marked by your teachers and moderated by AQA | 60 marks 20% of A Level |

For further information or advice please contact any member of the Geography Department.

**Examination Board: AQA**

**Qualification: AS & A Level**

**AS COURSE COMPONENTS**

1: **PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY, People & the Environment**

**Section A: EITHER** water and carbon cycles or hot desert environments and their margins or coastal systems and landscapes, or cold environments – Glacial systems and landscapes (40 marks)

**Section B: EITHER** hazards or contemporary urban environments (40 marks)

2: **HUMAN GEOGRAPHY and Geography Fieldwork Investigation**

**Section A: EITHER** global systems and global governance or changing places (40 marks)

**Section B: Geography fieldwork investigation and geographical skills (40 marks)**

**A LEVEL COURSE COMPONENTS**

1: **PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY, People & the Environment**

**Section A:** Water and carbon cycles

**Section B: EITHER** hot desert environments and their margins or coastal systems and landscapes, or cold environments – Glacial systems and landscapes

**Section C: EITHER** hazards or ecosystems under stress

2: **HUMAN GEOGRAPHY**

**Section A:** Global systems and global governance

**Section B:** Changing places

**Section C: EITHER** contemporary urban issues or population and the environment, food security, health and population ecology

3: **GEOGRAPHICAL INVESTIGATION**

You will complete an individual investigation which must include data collected in the field. The individual investigation must be based on a question or issue relating to any part of the A level course content.

**What can you do when you have your qualification?**

This is a very good and well respected academic A Level. The skills and information are very valuable to many future careers especially Law, Journalism, Publishing, Management or any other career which involves working with people such as Teaching, Nursing or Social Work. This is in addition to other more directly related areas such as Surveying, Geology, Economics, Planning, Geographical Information Systems, Environmental work, Oceanography and Marine Biology.