

## St Joseph's College Geography Department

Geography students at St Joseph's College achieve high standards. They frequently exceed set targets reflecting the high standards set by a department that develops resilient and enquiring learners. As a department we are exceptionally proud of our students' successes, as highlighted below:

Year	%A*	%A	%B	%C	%D	%E	%U	% pass
2015	14	17	41	21	7	0	0	100
2016	19	33	28.5	14	5.5	0	0	100
2017	0	33	43	19	0	5	0	100
2018	12	13	35	35	5	0	0	100
2019	7	21	34	31	7	0	0	100

We are following the new AQA specification for A 'level. Where there is optionality the topics we deliver are highlighted,

We offer a fieldtrip programme and students will be given the opportunity to take part in a foreign fieldtrip. Previous excursions have been to destinations such as Iceland, Switzerland and Sorrento. Fieldwork is a statutory part of the curriculum and a minimum of three days has to be completed under school supervision and paid for by parents. This develops the skills required for the non-examined assessment.

Geography is a contemporary and academic subject to study as it develops a wide range of skills which employers and universities consider important, and is accepted by the Russell Group universities as a facilitating subject. The course is delivered by subject specialists and is this is split into Human and Physical geography.

Topics	Assessed
<b>Physical Geography</b> <b>Section A: <u>Water and carbon cycles</u></b> <b>Section B:</b> either Hot desert environments and their margins <u>or</u> Coastal systems and landscapes <u>or</u> <b>Glacial systems and landscapes</b> <b>Section C:</b> either <b>Hazards</b> <u>or</u> Ecosystems under stress <u>or</u> Cold environments	Written exam 2hrs 30mins 40%
<b>Human Geography</b> <b>Section A: <u>Global systems and global governance</u></b> <b>Section B: <u>Changing places</u></b> <b>Section C:</b> either <b>Contemporary urban environments</b> <u>or</u> Population and the environment <u>or</u> Resource security	Written exam 2hrs 30mins 40%
<b>Geographical Investigation</b> 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 relating to any part of the specification content. (4 days compulsory fieldwork with approx. cost of £100)	3000-4000 word investigative piece of coursework. 20%

Geography provides a range of topics and themes not found within other subjects. It allows you to develop knowledge and skills that are highly relevant to life beyond education.

We look forward to meeting you in September.

The Department:

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