GEOGRAPHY

Subject Overview

You are a global citizen living in a constantly changing word. It is therefore essential that you have an understanding of how people are impacting and interacting with the world. In Geography you will investigate current global challenges, such as natural hazards, how climate change is going to affect us and the world's social inequalities. You will need to be aware of changes people are making to the world and learn about these big issues:

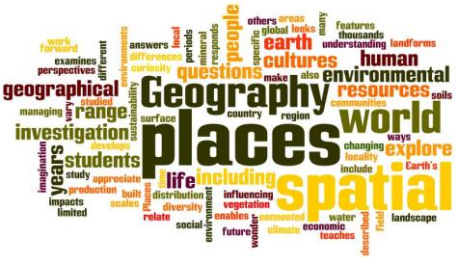
- environmental responsibility
- global interdependence
- cultural understanding and tolerance
- commerce, trade and industry

Geography graduates are amongst the most employable – especially in the current economic climate. Flexible thinking and problem solving, combined with a knowledge of both science and the arts, ensure that you will complete the course with a skills set that is very desirable to all employers.

Fieldwork happens during the Spring Term of Year 12; students are taken to Somerset to study 'Coasts' and 'Inequalities in Rural Areas' – a complete change in pace to life in Harrow! This experience brings Geography to life and students always come back having loved their time there – ask any of them.

Study styles come from a variety of lesson types, from lectures to interactive fact-finding sessions. Research is very important to be successful and students often find that Geography nicely compliments subjects such as the Sciences or Maths, due to the knowledge and analytical skills required in all.

Career destinations are extremely varied because of the wide range of skills, which are picked up during Years 12 to 13 and beyond. Examples range from environmental jobs, to law, management and accountancy.



Extracurricular Activities

We manage to squeeze in a wide range of activities on top of classroom teaching to enrich students in all aspects of Geography; experiential learning is a very important aspect of our work...

- **Year 12 Somerset Field Trip**
  Students are taken out of school in Year 12 to gather data and learn techniques to pass their Unit 2 examination
- **Year 13 Snowdonia Residential Field Trip**
  There is an optional Year 13 field trip to help students prepare for the Unit 4 exam. This year's trip is to Snowdonia in Wales.
- **Conferences and Lectures at the RGS**
  We visit the prestigious Royal Geographical Society to watch lectures and increase examination knowledge
- **Day Trips**
  Numerous day trips take place throughout the year to enhance students' learning; these have included trips to London Zoo and the Crystal Centre.

Student Profile

Name: Shaista F

Also studied: Maths, Economics

University choice: Studying Geography at LSE

Quote:

"Geography is a subject which could be explored in various aspects to a great degree of depth, which in my opinion helps capture my imagination as it is ever changing. Studying A'level Geography has opened my mind to the vast complexities the world has to offer. From studying mountain ranges to coastal regions and engaging in geopolitical issues the world faces, the amount of knowledge gained from geography is endless.

Examinations:

There are 4 examinations to sit in total YEAR 12:

UNIT 1 Global Challenges

UNIT 2 Geographical Investigations (Field trip)

YEAR 13:

UNIT 3 Contested Planet

UNIT 4 Geographical Research