



# GEOGRAPHY

## QUALIFICATION

A Level

### **What do I need to know or be able to do before taking this course?**

Students are required to have attained a grade 6 or above at GCSE Geography. It is also recommended that you have gained a GCSE grade 6 or above English. During the course you will need to be able to communicate effectively and research information from a variety of sources. You will be expected to develop good essay writing skills, using case studies to support your opinions and those of others. There is also a fieldwork requirement involving a 4 day residential trip which all students are expected to attend ; this cost £320 in 2016-17.

### **What will I learn on this A Level course?**

- An introduction to the key concepts and core themes of Geography;
- An understanding of geographical fieldwork techniques and a range of research methods;
- An opportunity to develop your understanding and geographical awareness through discussion of contemporary issues
- You will study topics such as: Globalisation, Global Systems, Global Governance, Changing Places, Resource Security, Carbon and Water Cycles, Hazards and Coasts/Hot deserts.

### **What kind of student is this course suitable for?**

This course is suitable for a wide range of students, with different backgrounds and experiences. You might be:

- interested in studying Geography or social sciences at a higher level, for example at University;
- interested in gaining the necessary skills sought after by any number of different types of employment
- wanting a course that might bridge the gap between Arts and Science subjects
- someone who is interested making sense of the world we live in!

### **What could I go on to do at the end of my course?**

- University, apprenticeships, the world of work- all Geography A level students will have enhanced their knowledge and skills and will be in a good position for the next steps of their careers.