



GEOGRAPHY

Geography educates people about the Earth's varied places, people and environments. It explores the links between people and the environment and is absolutely unique in drawing on both the social and Earth sciences to explain these inter-relationships. The world in which we live is undergoing a period of radical change where the actions of humanity are more important than ever before. Geography seeks to explain these changes and our role in them.

Many students choose Geography because of their interest in the issues we face as a global society. What some students do not realise is that studying Geography will equip them with a broad range of analytical skills that are highly prized by universities and employers. Geography can also be combined with a wide range of other A-level subjects, either Sciences or Arts, giving access to a broad range of degree subjects.

The course

A-level Geographers at Colfe's will have two subject teachers who are specialists in either Physical or Human Geography. Course content is split between the two disciplines, but at all stages there is a strong emphasis on analytical skills.

The course is structured as follows:

Year 12

Students will study core units in Physical and Human Geography.

Core Physical Geography:

Hydrology and fluvial geomorphology
Atmosphere and weather

Rocks and weathering

Core Human Geography:

Population
Migration
Settlement dynamics

Year 13

Students will study two Physical and two Human Geography advanced topics.

Advanced Physical Geography

Tropical environments
Hazardous environments

Advanced Human Geography

Environmental management
Global Interdependence

Geographical skills and fieldwork

Geographical skills will be studied as part of all units. Conducting fieldwork is an important part of being a geographer and practical skills will be acquired through a residential river investigation in Surrey (approximate cost £200).

Wide reading around the subject is encouraged to foster interest in Geography. There are newspapers and weekly magazines in the library as well as a good selection of Geography themed books. The departmental X (Twitter) feed keeps students up-to-date with the latest Geography related local and world events.

Geography A-level and beyond

Geography is a very popular degree course and is valued by employers because it equips graduates with a range of skills that are essential in today's workplace. Geography can also be taken as part of a Joint Honours degree and combines well with such diverse subjects as Economics, Politics, Maths, Archaeology and Languages. People with Geography degrees often go on to successful careers in Finance, Journalism, Marketing, Industry and Management. More specialised roles that require Geography degrees include: Town Planning, Teaching, Surveying and Environmental Management to name but a few.

